

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: **Health Department**

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Category of Request

- New Grant**
- Grant Continuation**
- Change in Previously Approved Grant**

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Project/Program Title: Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Grant

Grantor Agency: Division of Public Health

Grant Application Date: N/A

Anticipated Award Date: April 1, 2015

Please provide the following information:

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

The overall purposes of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program is to screen every infant born in Wisconsin for hearing loss and that every child identified as having hearing loss has access to timely and appropriate diagnostic and intervention services.

While infants are often covered by insurance, accessing and obtaining proper medical care is often difficult for families. MHD's role is to work with any infant in Southeastern Wisconsin who requires repeat hearing screening, and ensure they receive appropriate care. The major activity of this grant is to assist families in accessing medical care for follow-up tests, assuring appropriate medical follow-up for affected infants, and establishing a medical home for ongoing care. In addition, this program provides education to clients and professionals about newborn screening and repeat testing. This project also assures that each client family has a medical home for their infant and has access for resources for insurance.

2. Relationship to City-wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

This program helps to improve the health of children, reduce infant mortality and insure that all children entering school are physically and mentally capable of satisfactory education achievement. All of these are departmental objectives and assist in attaining the City-wide objective of making Milwaukee a city of healthy citizens with educational opportunities.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

This grant funds one Public Health Nurse at approximately 60%

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

Under the grant, MHD follows up with approximately 50 babies per year. A list of all infants who required intervention by MHD is submitted to the funder at the end of every grant year. MHD also tracks the number of infants who have health insurance, receive screening and have a healthcare provider. Early detection of hearing loss is an issue for the State of Wisconsin. Through this program, we are able to close the gap between the age at diagnosis of hearing loss. This program assures families have access to early intervention services when a congenital hearing defect is diagnosed. Early intervention has been proven to decrease developmental disabilities in children with hearing loss.

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-out Plan:

The grant period is April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Without this funding the program will not continue.

6. Provide a List of Subgrantees:

N/A

7. If Possible, Complete Grant Budget Form and Attach.

Attached