



1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution.

The proposed grant renewal for the Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) under the Family and Community Health (FCH) Branch of the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) directly supports the City's commitment to advancing health and racial equity. CHAP, funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) via the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Health Care Access and Accountability as a Federal Pass-Through grant, has been in operation since 2009. The grant cycle will run for a 18 months, from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. This funding ensures continued staffing and program operations focused on improving access to and utilization of primary and preventive healthcare for low-income Milwaukee residents who are eligible for expanded BadgerCare Plus program services.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

The primary focus of this grant is to advance health equity by improving access to healthcare for populations that experience disproportionate barriers to care. CHAP's services are inclusive and accessible to individuals of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual identities, legal statuses, ages, languages, and abilities. CHAP is expected to have a significantly positive impact on equity by serving historically under-served communities that continue to face higher rates of health disparities and infant mortality. The program is designed to address the complex and interconnected factors that contribute to inequitable health outcomes, including language barriers, socioeconomic challenges, housing instability, transportation limitations, and literacy needs. By providing culturally responsive outreach, enrollment assistance, and navigation support, CHAP helps ensure that

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

See #2; there would only be positive impacts to equity and minority groups as highlighted above.

4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

CHAP actively engages Milwaukee's most at-risk and historically underserved communities through services at multiple MHD Health Centers and through partnerships with local organizations in hard-to-reach neighborhoods. The program provides direct, hands-on support for health benefits, health education, and referrals to other critical MHD services, ensuring that residents who face systemic barriers—such as language, literacy, or socioeconomic challenges—can access care. All services are free, voluntary, and culturally responsive, effectively connecting minority and marginalized populations to essential healthcare resources they might otherwise be unable to obtain.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

The equity impacts of the CHAP program will be systematically documented and evaluated through ongoing data collection and program monitoring. Key metrics include the number of residents served, demographic information such as race, ethnicity, language, age, and zip code, and the types of services utilized, including health benefits assistance, education, and referrals to other MHD programs.

Additionally, CHAP tracks outreach effectiveness and collects feedback from participants to assess overall satisfaction. These measures allow the program to identify gaps in service delivery, and adjust strategies to ensure that minority and marginalized populations continue to gain equitable access to essential healthcare resources.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

The Milwaukee Health Department's Policy, Innovation, and Equity Branch employs a data-driven approach to address health equity, social determinants of health (SDOH), disparities, and infant mortality. To mitigate anticipated equity impacts, CHAP will implement the following strategies:

- Collaborate with community partners, including the Milwaukee Fire Department, to identify and reach uninsured or hard-to-reach residents, enhancing outreach to historically underserved populations.*
- Collect and incorporate client feedback through satisfaction surveys, ensuring services are responsive to community needs.*
- Conduct community impact assessments to engage residents in shaping service delivery and program improvements.*

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