

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution.

This is the annual grant renewal for Emergency Preparedness programming under the Emergency Preparedness Environmental Health (EPEH) Division of the Milwaukee Health Department. This grant is through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Division of Public Health. State and large metropolitan public health departments use Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) funding to develop, test, and maintain plans to quickly receive medical countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile and distribute them to local communities.

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

See #3

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

CDC's CRI is a federally funded program designed to enhance preparedness in the nation's largest population centers, where nearly 60% of the population resides, to effectively respond to large public health emergencies needing life-saving medicines and medical supplies. CRI funding ensures that preparedness services effectively address the needs of elderly and minority populations, and persons with access and functional needs when planning for and recovering from emergencies.

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

Preparedness efforts include but are not limited to continued COVID-19 response and recovery activities, leading the Milwaukee Area Extreme Weather Task Force, providing emergency shelter (warming/cooling centers) for individuals to stay cool/warm and be connected to long-term housing services, co-Chairing the Milwaukee BioWatch Program to detect bioterrorist attacks, and supporting local drug takeback initiatives in response to the opioid crisis. These initiatives pay special attention to vulnerable persons who are housing unstable, low-income, and have lower access to health care and social services while facing disproportionate burden of disease in the community.

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

Continued COVID-19 operations track specific outcome measures including closing the vaccination rate gap between targeted populations and the general public, increasing overall percentage of City Residents vaccinated, lowering the hospitalization rate in targeted vulnerable populations, and maintaining adequate hospital capacity in future surges. Preparedness programming as a whole will continue to analyze demographics (race, ethnicity, age, gender) and social vulnerability (housing status, etc.) when evaluating success in reaching those most vulnerable to poor outcomes and facing the greatest barriers in the event of potential emergencies.

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

- Continue to utilize data/trends provided by MHD's Data team to inform where our Preparedness efforts should be targeted in terms of populations most in need of shelter and access to health department services*
- Solicit input from community members to improve our preparedness planning and response efforts*
- Survey community members to ensure preparedness efforts are accessible to the populations we are targeting (e.g., offering a range of hours of operation, facilitating access to multiple means of transportation/on-foot service, etc.)*

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