GRANT ANALYSIS FORM
OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: **Health Department**

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Category of Request

☐   **New Grant**

☒   **Grant Continuation**   **Previous Council File No.**   181706

☐   **Change in Previously Approved Grant**   **Previous Council File No.**

Project/Program Title: **Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Grant**

Grantor Agency: Division of Public Health

Grant Application Date: **Anticipated Award Date:** January 1, 2020

Please provide the following information:

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

The purpose of the Newborn Hearing Screening Program is to screen every infant born in Southeastern Wisconsin for hearing loss and to ensure that every child identified with hearing loss has access to timely and appropriate diagnostic and intervention services.

While infants are often covered by insurance, accessing and navigating 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. Lastly, 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 aims 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. These goals are also departmental objectives and support the City-wide objective of making Milwaukee a city of healthy citizens with educational opportunities.

Reflecting on our community health improvement plan, MKE Elevate, this program falls within the strategic objective of 'fair and inclusive society,' as this program model aims to serve all infants regardless of socioeconomic status. MHD Staff provide only the highest quality services to these infants and their families, supporting them toward living their best lives.

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

This grant funds one Public Health Nurse Coordinator at approximately 60%.

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

Under the grant, in 2018, MHD staff performed 37 hearing screens in the SE Region of WI and averaged 119 cases per month that were case managed (a 41% increase from 2017) which includes coordination of care with the families in need of early intervention specialist like Children's Hospital and the Birth to Three program. A total of 32 infants were found to have congenital hearing loss. 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 and 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, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Continuation of funding is crucial to maintain service.

6. Provide a List of Subgrantees:

There are no subgrantees for this program.

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

Please see attachment.