

# UW-Madison Wisconsin Partnership Program: Seeks applicants for maternal and child health funding opportunity

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) is accepting applications for its [Strengthening Community Solutions to Improve Maternal and Infant Health funding opportunity](#). This funding seeks to support work to reduce maternal and child health disparities throughout Wisconsin, with a focus on underserved and marginalized communities including, but not limited to, American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Asian and rural communities.

“Disparities in maternal and child health outcomes continue to be a major challenge within Wisconsin – and this challenge has been further exacerbated by the pandemic,” said Dr. Amy Kind, associate dean for social health sciences and programs, SMPH, and executive director of the Wisconsin Partnership Program. “This funding will expand support for innovative solutions and impactful interventions that emerge directly from communities across our state.”

Grant awards will be for a maximum of \$150,000 for up to two years. This funding prioritizes organizations that are tackling the increasing maternal and infant health disparities in under-resourced communities, including communities of color, rural and low-income communities.

“The new awards will expand support for partners who are working toward the shared goal of improving maternal and child health outcomes,” said Renuka Mayadev, maternal and child health advisor at the Wisconsin Partnership Program. “Through this grant program, we are seeking to build innovative and diverse

collaborations so we can share progress, solutions and best practices about what we know is working for mothers and babies.”

The deadline to apply is May 9, 2022. For more information about the grant program and the Request for Partnerships, visit [med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/maternal-and-child-health-grant-programs/](https://med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/maternal-and-child-health-grant-programs/).

*The [Wisconsin Partnership Program](#) is a permanent endowment at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, committed to improving health and advancing health equity through investments in community partnerships, education and research. It was established in 2004 through an unprecedented gift as part of the conversion of Blue Cross and Blue Shield United of Wisconsin to a stock insurance corporation. To date, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has awarded more than 580 grants for \$272 million to advance biomedical and population health research, promote healthcare and public health workforce development, and support community partnerships to improve health and advance health equity.*