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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) to accept and expend funds from the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) to implement a Social Determinants of Health questionnaire supplement in the amount of \$30,000 effective upon approval by the Governor and Council through June 30, 2023, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below. 100% Other Funds.

05-95-90-902010-08360000 DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DHHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SECTION, PRAMS SFY 23

Class-Account	Description	Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised Adjusted Authorized
000-403948-16	Federal Funds	\$224,267	\$0	\$224,267
005-401716-18	Other Funds	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
	General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue		\$224,267	\$30,000	\$254,267
010-500100	Personal Services	\$64,011	\$8,015	\$72,026
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$33,750	\$19,180	\$52,930
037-500174	Technology-Hardware	\$250		\$250
038-500177	Technology-Software	\$840		\$840
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$158		\$158
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$6,221		\$6,221
050-500109	Personal Service Temp	\$84,184		\$84,184
060-500601	Benefits	\$32,353	\$2,805	\$35,158
070-500704	In State Travel	\$500		\$500
080-500714	Out of State Travel	\$2,000		\$2,000
Total Expenses		\$224,267	\$30,000	\$254,267

EXPLANATION

This request is being made to accept grant funds available to implement the CSTE Social Determinants of Health Supplement for the NH PRAMS survey. The overall function of NH PRAMS is to reduce infant morbidity and mortality and to promote maternal health by influencing maternal and child health programs, policies, and maternal behaviors during pregnancy and early infancy. Collecting population-based data of high scientific quality on topics relating to pregnancy and early infancy may lead to improvement in the health of mothers and infants in the Granite State by disseminating and using the data to:

- Develop and implement new programs or to modify existing programs.
- Monitor progress toward established health objectives.
- Influence public health policy by working with policy makers to incorporate findings into the decision-making process.
- Provide input into legislative proposals.
- Make recommendations for new policies.
- Disseminate research findings to the health community so they may incorporate the latest information into their standards of practice.

Implementing the Social Determinants of Health questions into the NH PRAMS survey provides opportunities to specifically address two of New Hampshire's Title V MCH priorities, which are, 1) to improve access to needed healthcare services for all MCH populations, and 2) to increase the focus of Title V on the Social Determinants of Health and the resolution of barriers impacting the health of the MCH populations. NH PRAMS will work with stakeholders to refine the analysis plan and determine best methods and venues for dissemination of the data and the framing of the promotional messages. Methods of disseminating findings include a topic summary report, data briefs, and presentations at stakeholder meetings.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

- Class 010 These funds will be used to support the salary of the existing PRAMS program manager position while working on this initiative.
- Class 020 These funds will be used to purchase office supplies used by staff members to carry out daily activities of the program. A participation incentive is included with the questionnaire mailed to each family. A reward will be provided to the respondent after a completed questionnaire is received by the program.
- Class 060 These funds will be used to support benefits for the PRAMS program manager.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Other funds from the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).

Respectfully submitted,



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March 28, 2022

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Dear Ms. Paradis,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the CSTE project to implement a Social Determinants of Health questionnaire supplement on maternal behaviors and experiences before, during and shortly after pregnancy. CSTE will provide the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services with the amount of \$30,000.00 for the satisfactory completion of this project. The project period ends July 31, 2023. Your award will be a fixed price subaward. A contract will follow to finalize this agreement.

CSTE receives funding for this project through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cooperative agreement number: 1 NU38OT000297-03-00. All awards pursuant to this project are subject to availability of funds.

Congratulations again – we look forward to continued work with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Toe at mtoe@cste.org.

Sincerely,

Megan Toe
Manager, Non-Infectious Disease Program
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists