

Ohio Department of Health
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
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Pending Applications

Enhancing the Interoperability of Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Immunization Information Systems (IIS) CDC-RFA-IP10-1002ARRA10

Communities Putting Prevention to Work State Supplemental Funding for Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey CDC-RFA-DP09-90102ARRA09

Program and Project Information/Guidelines

HAI- Certified Ambulatory Surgical Centers \$179,565

Recovery Act funds allocated to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the execution and implementation of strategies to reduce healthcare-associated infection (HAI) are being provided to the states through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) specifically to improve the survey process for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC). Through an enhanced survey process and protocol, this initiative is intended to expand the awareness of ASCs of proper infection control practices and to improve the state survey agency inspection capability for onsite surveys of ASCs. Included in the objectives of the initiative is an increase in the frequency of surveys of ASCs—in Ohio from approximately 10% of the non-accredited centers each year to a minimum of 33% for Federal Fiscal Year 2010. Additionally, Ohio would anticipate the need for an additional FTE specifically for the conduct of ASCs surveys to meet the minimum 33% requirement.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires the completion of routine survey and certification activities required of the Ohio Department of Health as the State Survey Agency and depletion of the associated non-ARRA budget prior to expenditure of ARRA funds in performing ASC-HAI surveys. ARRA-funded ASC-HAI surveys are expected to begin by the end of July 2010, at which time non-ARRA survey and certification funds will be depleted.

Budget Period: 10/01/2009-9/29/2010

Project Period: 10/01/2009-9/29/2010

Healthcare Associated Infections \$373,868

The Ohio Department of Health has received a revised Notice of Award as a competitive supplemental funding to the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) cooperative agreement program. This supplement is intended to address the HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare Associated Infections. Through this competitive supplement, CDC will fund and provide technical assistance to state health departments to make critical short-term investments that will provide for a sustainable state infrastructure on HAI prevention and significant progress toward preventing HAIs. ODH continues to provide presentations to Ohio APIC Chapters on Ohio's HAI prevention plan and HAI reporting for with a focus on the benefits of reporting through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Contracts were issued to three (3) hospitals to initiate or expand existing electronic laboratory reporting of infectious diseases, including healthcare-associated infections. ODH held a meeting with all 3 hospitals on May 19, 2010 to review and discuss the contract deliverables, including ARRA reporting requirements. The CDC participated via conference to discuss changes related to receiving NHSN data.

- The Community Mercy Foundation, on behalf of Community Mercy Health Partners
- Firelands Regional Medical Center
- University Hospitals Case Medical Center

Budget Period: 9/1/2009- 12/31/2011

Project Period: 7/1/2004- 12/31/2011

SEARCH- Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health \$182,181

This ARRA-funded federal contract reinstated the SEARCH Program administered by the Ohio Department of Health Primary Care Office (PCO). Ohio and the nation are experiencing a shortage of primary care, oral health and mental health professionals, especially in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA). The objective of the Ohio SEARCH Program is to raise awareness and interest in urban and rural underserved area practice opportunities among health professions students and residents and to increase the recruitment and retention of primary care providers who ultimately practice in Ohio's underserved areas.

Medical students, primary care residents and students in dentistry, dental hygiene, advanced practice nursing, nurse midwifery, physician assistant, psychiatry, clinical social work, counseling, psychology, marriage and family therapy, and psychiatric nurse specialist programs are eligible to participate in community-based clinical experiences in urban and rural sites such as Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, community mental health agencies and other safety-net sites that provide services for persons with low incomes. During the SEARCH rotation, participants complete a community project incorporating the needs of the site and the community. Projects involve patient education, community outreach, or health promotion and disease prevention where participants can demonstrate an understanding of community-based approaches to care. SEARCH Program rotations are from 4 – 12 weeks, and participants receive a stipend of \$300 per week up to \$1,800.

The award is for \$182,181 with funding for two additional years at \$185,086 and \$194,796. The Ohio Department of Health contracted with the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians and entered into an inter-agency agreement with the Ohio Department of Mental Health. The SEARCH Program anticipates placing 240 students with the goal of creating a pipeline of primary care, oral health and mental health providers to enhance the recruitment and retention of a community-oriented workforce to ultimately practice in Ohio's most needy areas

Budget Period: 9/29/2009-9/29/2012

Project Period: 9/29/2009-9/29/2012

National Health Service Corps- Primary Care Office- \$40,430

The purpose of this funding is to assist the Ohio Department of Health Primary Care Office (PCO) in the recruitment and retention of primary care, mental health and oral health care providers by increasing participation in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program

- Increase access to care by helping sites in Health Professional Shortage Areas with applications to the National Health Service Corps, which provides recruitment and retention assistance through loan repayment, scholarships and a web-based opportunities list.

- Provide technical and non-financial assistance to communities seeking designation or redesignation as Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- Assist individual primary care, mental health and oral health clinicians interested in the NHSC loan repayment program by explaining eligibility, benefits and program expectations.

The Ohio Department of Health is being offered a supplemental award per FY 09, 10, and 11. The funds are used to expand upon current ODH activities in terms of NHSC outreach and program promotion, and partly fund three ODH employees within the PCO. PCO staff continues to promote the NHSC Loan Repayment Program to potentially eligible clinicians and practice sites at regional and statewide conferences and meetings.

Budget Period: 9/30/2009-9/29/2010

Project Period: 9/30/2009- 9/29/2012

Immunization- 317 Funds

Direct Assistance (DA) – Vaccine \$7,988,111

The Ohio Department of Health has been given approval by CDC to spend \$7,988,111 for vaccine. ODH has submitted a spending plan to CDC which indicates what vaccines ODH will purchase by month and dose amount. CDC will track and provide information on the number of vaccine doses ordered for children using stimulus funds and the number of vaccine doses ordered for adults. The vaccine money must be purchased and committed to a provider by the end of the current fiscal year.

Financial Assistance (FA) - Operations \$1,425,070

Through this supplemental grant assistance funding- REACHING MORE CHILDREN AND ADULTS- ODH will provide additional means for administering vaccine through Section 317 program by supporting its operations. The Ohio Department of Health has four approved strategies to carryout the program:

- *Develop, implement, monitor and assess a peer advocate program to increase immunization knowledge and coverage in two large cities in Ohio*
- *Develop a public service campaign to facilitate the implementation of the adolescent vaccination platform in Ohio*
- *Implement the new perinatal Hepatitis B case management system which integrates with the current disease reporting and laboratory reporting systems*
- *Design an adolescent immunization toolkit and promotional materials to educate parents and providers of the recommended adolescent vaccines- to be used in schools and web-based.*

Budget Period: 9/15/2009-12/31/2011

Project Period: 9/15/2009-12/31/2011

LHD Billable- Supplemental \$476,252

This supplemental demonstration grant will be used to provide support to Section 317 grantees to increase the number of Americans who receive vaccine. Vaccinating insured individuals in local health department clinics and billing the third-party payer can allow immunization programs to more efficiently manage their funding and thereby, reach additional populations or provide additional vaccines that might not be feasible with existing funds. Supplemental funding will be provided to aid applicants to develop action plans to bill for vaccine administered to fully-insured individuals who are vaccinated in state and local health department clinics. This will enable immunization programs to develop a plan for

a billing system that could result in savings of program revenue. *FOA: CDC-RFA-IP08-80302ARRA09 Supplemental for Innovative Projects to Improve Reimbursement in Public Health Department Clinics.*

Budget Period: 9/1/2009- 12/31/2011

Project Period: 9/1/2009- 12/31/2011

The Ohio Department of Health has hired college interns to conduct a patient survey in all local health department clinics. Simultaneously, the ODH will convene a stakeholder advisory committee including health departments, medical associations, insurers, Medicaid, and ODH staff.

IDEA- Part C \$16,403,578

Stimulus funding for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) will be utilized by local Help Me Grow programs to provide family supports and service coordination for families with infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

The Ohio Department of Health funded county-based grants from November 1, 2009- June 30, 2010 to be used consistently with the current IDEA Part C to Family and Children First Councils. These funds are to be used to preserve and/or create jobs for Part C service coordinators and/or child find and to assist in stabilizing HMG budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential Part C services. Grants were recently awarded on the county level to continue the same services from July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011. In addition, the Ohio Department of Health will be entering into an inter-agency agreement with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to carry out specific training objectives of the funding.

Funding Period: 2/17/2009- 9/30/2010

Budget Period: 2/17/2009- 9/30/2010

State Supplemental Funding for Healthy Communities- \$2,817,795

Part of the "Communities Putting Prevention to Work" initiative, this program will directly support states and territories in promoting wellness and preventing chronic disease through 1) state-wide and local policy and expanding tobacco cessation quit lines. The Ohio Department of Health received funding for components one (1) and three (3) of the initiative.

Component I \$1,448,591.00

The Ohio Department of Health will use funding for the promotion of policy activities that support and institutionalize healthy behaviors related to obesity control, nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco control and prevention. Nutrition interventions will focus on increasing healthy food access in worksites, The Ohio Department of Health will use funding for the promotion of policy activities that support and institutionalize healthy behaviors related to obesity, nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco control and prevention. Nutrition interventions will focus on increasing healthy food access in worksites, and fostering the development of breastfeeding friendly policies in the workplace. Physical activity interventions will target school aged children by improving and increasing physical activity during and after the school day. For the tobacco initiative, ODH is targeting an increase in tobacco-free school policies in secondary and higher-education environments.

Component III \$1,369,204

The Ohio Department of Health will use funding to support efforts to increase the number of Ohioans who quit smoking through statewide campaign designed to motivate quitting among all smokers, specifically targeting populations with low-SES and those who suffer from behavioral and drug dependence issues; outreach campaign to disseminate evidenced-based practices for treating tobacco use and dependence designed for health care providers of behavioral health and drug dependent populations; enhancement of quit line protocols to meet the needs of these populations, online cessation component for the Quit Line counseling program; and operation budget to increase counseling for 6,420 callers and 1,956 shipments of 2 weeks of nicotine replacement therapy.

Project Period: 2/4/2010- 3/28/2012

Budget Period: 2/4/2010-2/3/2012