



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Black women's health and infant and maternal mortality

This bill instructs DHS to annually award \$1,750,000 in grants to community-serving organizations that are led by Black women that improve Black women's health in Dane, Milwaukee, Rock, and Kenosha Counties. Further, this bill directs DHS to annually award \$1,750,000 in grants to organizations that work to reduce racial disparities related to infant and maternal mortality. Additionally, this bill instructs DHS to award a grant totaling \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and another grant totaling \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to an entity to coordinate efforts between the state, public and private sector organizations, and community organizations to support a statewide strategy to advance Black women's health.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.435 (1) (cr) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (1) (cr) *Minority health grants.* The amounts in the schedule for the minority health program under s. 250.20 (3) and (4), for the Black women's health grants under s. 250.20 (7), and for the infant and maternal mortality grants under s. 250.20 (8).

SECTION 2. 250.20 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

250.20 (7) BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (cr), the department shall annually award grants in the total amount of \$1,750,000 to community-serving organizations that are led by Black women that improve Black women's health in Dane, Milwaukee, Rock, and Kenosha Counties.

SECTION 3. 250.20 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

250.20 (8) INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (cr), the department shall annually award grants in the total amount of \$1,750,000 to organizations that work to reduce racial disparities related to infant and maternal mortality.

SECTION 9119. Nonstatutory provisions; Health Services.

(1) BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH. The department of health services shall award a grant of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and a grant of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to an entity to connect and convene efforts between state agencies, public and private sector organizations, and community organizations to support a statewide public health strategy to advance Black women's health. The department of health services may award the grants from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (b).

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