

Grant Request: CDC's *Enhancing Review and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality*

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Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review in Oregon

- The 2018 Oregon Legislature established the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee (ORS 432.600) within the OHA through approval of HB 4133.
- The committee reviews deaths that occurred during or within one year following the end of pregnancy and based on its reviews develops recommendations to prevent similar future deaths.
- Medical components and social determinants surrounding each case are reviewed when looking at the life and death of each decedent.
- The committee has reviewed 63 deaths that occurred during years 2018 through 2021; 29 deaths were determined to be related to pregnancy.
- OHA receives \$600,000 General Fund per biennium to support the MMRC, which pays for staffing and contracted Medical Abstractor

CDC's Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality Grant Opportunity

The purpose of this funding is to:

- Support MMRC capacity for developing and implementing data-informed strategies to prevent pregnancy-related deaths with a focus on reducing inequities among disproportionately impacted populations.
- Support MMRCs to better analyze information about pregnancy related deaths and disseminate opportunities for prevention.
- Five-year grant period (9/30/2024-9/29/2029).
- Annual Funding/Total Funding: \$495,000 / \$2,475,000 (Oregon's anticipated award based on the CDC funding formula)
- No match or maintenance of effort is required
- Number of CDC grant awards: approximately 59

Funding

- 0.5 FTE Research Analyst 3 (existing position): Provides assessment, data collection, analysis, and program evaluation support.
- 0.5 FTE Office Specialist 2 (existing position): Provides essential administrative support for the grant projects.
- 1.0 FTE Program Analyst 3 (new position): Outreach Coordinator will develop community partnerships and provide outreach to introduce MMRC processes, disseminate MMRC findings, and work with community partners on recommendations for prevention of pregnancy-related deaths.
- Contracted Informant Interviewer: Conducts interviews with individuals who personally knew the decedent to provide more comprehensive case summaries that are used during case reviews (CDC recommended practice).

Value Add this Grant Opportunity Provides

The Oregon Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) consistently explores and implements methods to improve committee reviews. This grant provides opportunity to implement the following best practices:

- Capacity to develop partnerships with communities and share Committee findings and recommendations about how pregnancy-related deaths affect Oregon communities.
- Interviews with family, friends, and those who knew the decedent to provide richer context to the committee review summaries used during case reviews.

Thank you

