

Annual Report
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

MOVING HEALTH FORWARD

Since 2004



Wisconsin Partnership Program
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) is home to the Wisconsin Partnership Program, a grantmaking program within the SMPH established as the result of a generous endowment gift from Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin’s conversion to a stock insurance corporation.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program expresses its continued gratitude for this gift to benefit the people of Wisconsin.

OUR MISSION:

To bring about lasting improvements in health and well-being and advance health equity in Wisconsin through investments in community partnerships, education and research.

KEY

ICTR	Institute for Clinical and Translational Research
NACHP	Native American Center for Health Professions
OAC	Oversight and Advisory Committee
PERC	Partnership Education and Research Committee
SMPH	School of Medicine and Public Health
WFAA	Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association
WPP	Wisconsin Partnership Program

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Message to Partners



It is our privilege to present the Wisconsin Partnership Program's (WPP) Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report. This report is particularly significant: it highlights the progress and achievements of the past year, while also commemorating the Wisconsin Partnership Program's 20th anniversary. We celebrate two decades of moving health forward through our

grantmaking and the remarkable work of our grant partners throughout Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program was established at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) as the result of a generous endowment gift from Blue Cross and Blue Shield United of Wisconsin. As responsible stewards of this gift, the SMPH and WPP have the tremendous opportunity to create partnerships, propel medical research, and enhance health education and workforce development in ways that will benefit the people of Wisconsin now and for years to come.

Since the WPP began making grants in 2004, it has awarded 636 grants totaling \$301 million aimed at improving health and advancing health equity. Our vision is to reach all corners of Wisconsin in a true embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea.

This principle is evident across WPP-funded initiatives, some of which are highlighted in this annual report. These initiatives include strengthening the public health workforce to serve our state and communities, improving birth outcomes for mothers and babies, and driving innovation to tackle persistent health problems, such as diabetes and obesity. These examples represent just a fraction of the work currently supported by grants from the Wisconsin Partnership Program.

While 20 years is a milestone worth celebrating, we recognize that much work remains. The Wisconsin Partnership Program has not—and will not—shy away from the difficult health challenges that our state continues to face. Whether addressing stubborn and persistent health disparities, striving to understand and treat complex diseases, or preparing future physicians and health care leaders for an ever-changing environment—the Wisconsin Partnership Program is dedicated to the long game. If we work together, we can—and will—continue to improve health and advance health equity in Wisconsin and beyond.

Whether you are a recent collaborator or a part of our early history—thank you for the opportunity to work together over the past twenty years. It is a privilege to partner with you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert N. Golden, MD.

Robert N. Golden, MD
Robert Turell Professor in Medical Leadership
Dean, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
Vice Chancellor of Medical Affairs
University of Wisconsin–Madison

Handwritten signature of Amy JH Kind, MD, PhD.

Amy JH Kind, MD, PhD
Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership Program
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Overview

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) is a grantmaking program within the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) committed to improving health and advancing health equity in Wisconsin through investments in community partnerships, education and research.

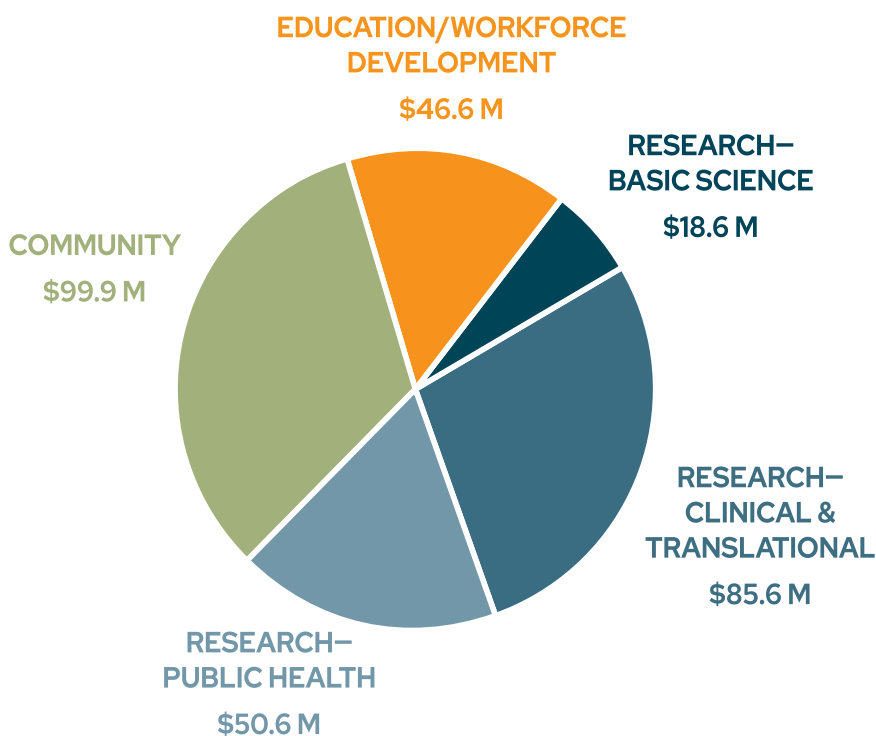
Celebrating 20 Years of Moving Health Forward

The Wisconsin Partnership Program has been moving health forward since 2004 – creating community partnerships, driving research and discovery, and enhancing medical and health education.

This year we are proud to commemorate **twenty years of grantmaking** and supporting partners, projects and achievements that are improving health and advancing health equity for the state of Wisconsin and beyond. The impact of our work and that of our grantees reaches broadly across the state, positively impacting a wide range of communities, populations and geographic areas.

Since we began making grants in 2004, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has awarded 636 grants totaling \$301 million. These awards have resulted in a remarkable return on investment, with grantees leveraging more than \$876.8 million in additional funding from other sources to sustain the projects. This report covers program activities and expenditures July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

GRANTS AWARDED BY TYPE 2004 – JUNE 30, 2024



Two governance committees composed of community members and University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health faculty guide the work of the Wisconsin Partnership Program and its processes for reviewing and awarding grants to advance its mission. The Oversight and Advisory Committee directs and distributes funds for public health initiatives (community grants). The Partnership Education and Research Committee allocates funds for education and research initiatives to improve health and advance health equity.

Wisconsin Partnership Program By the Numbers



The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) advances its mission to improve health and advance health equity through a strong portfolio of grant programs that propel medical research, enhance health education and workforce development and support community partnerships. The work of WPP and its grantees touches all corners of the state, across a wide range of health challenges, communities, populations and geographic areas.

2004 – JUNE 30, 2024

636

Total number of grants made

\$301M

Total dollar amount awarded

363

Community grants awarded



221

Research grants awarded



52

Education grants awarded



\$876.8 MILLION

Total dollar amount leveraged in funding derived from WPP-funded projects

Wisconsin Partnership Program By the Numbers

FISCAL YEAR 2024

25

Total number of grants made

\$9.5 M

Total dollar amount awarded

56

Total ongoing grants

28

Grants concluded

321

Number of articles, presentations or other dissemination of findings of WPP projects



279

Number of attendees at WPP-hosted learning and networking events



\$100.3 MILLION

Amount of funds leveraged by WPP grantees from federal agencies or other organizations to sustain or expand their work

Improving Health through Community Partnerships



The Wisconsin Partnership Program's (WPP) Community Grant Programs provide substantial support for community-led solutions and approaches to improve health and advance health equity in Wisconsin through the implementation of a wide range of innovative initiatives and collaborations in rural, tribal and urban communities across the state.

Through its community grant programs, the Wisconsin Partnership Program addresses the social determinants of health, builds capacity in community organizations and targets Wisconsin's most pressing health issues. In keeping with the Wisconsin Idea, these grant programs connect the knowledge and experience of communities with the resources of the university to positively impact lives across Wisconsin.

Community grant recipients are tackling a diverse array of health challenges and infrastructure needs. Some of the current WPP-funded projects include a focus on the following. Please see the **Appendix** for a complete list of current grants.

- addressing youth mental health needs
- eliminating maternal and child health disparities
- expanding access to health care
- expanding the public safety workforce
- improving culturally competent care
- preventing opioid misuse and abuse
- promoting nutrition and access to healthy food
- reducing isolation for people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
- strengthening health workforce development in rural Wisconsin

In fiscal year 2024, the Wisconsin Partnership Program offered two levels of funding through its Community Impact Grant Program to reach a wider range of organizations across the state. Grants totaling \$4.23 million were awarded across the two levels.

- **[View the Level One Community Impact Grant awards.](#)**
- **[View the Level Two Community Impact Grant awards.](#)**

In addition to this year's new awards, the Wisconsin Partnership Program currently supports 37 additional active grants through its Community Impact, Community Collaboration, Maternal and Child Health and COVID-19 Response grant funding mechanisms. Please see the **Appendix** for a full list of awarded and current grants.

As part of its 20th anniversary celebration, WPP also launched a new capacity-building grant program. Grants will support projects designed to help organizations work more efficiently and effectively by strengthening their internal systems. These capacity-building grants are intended for smaller and/or newer nonprofit organizations and will be announced later in 2024.

Community Partnership Highlights



The following examples highlight just a few of the numerous initiatives led by community partners to promote health and advance health equity across Wisconsin. Visit our **Funded Projects** page to explore the full range of funded work.



Kim Ashford (left) a clinical community health worker with Connect Rx Wisconsin and new mom TyiKalia Johnson.

A Clinic-Community Collaboration to Improve Birth Outcomes

Connect Rx Wisconsin is an innovative clinic-community collaboration that addresses Wisconsin's stark maternal and infant health disparities. Their wrap-around service delivery model deploys clinic- and community-based health workers and trained doulas to support the social health needs of expectant and new mothers. Since 2022, 674 pregnant patients who were screened as high-risk were referred to ConnectRx for coordinated care, of which 600 were provided essential resources for housing, food, transportation and financial assistance. **Read the story.**

Creating a Healthy, Culturally Vibrant Food System

The Menominee Nation is working to improve health and reduce their community's risks of Type 2 diabetes and heart disease, which are disproportionately higher than the state's average. Through their WPP-funded initiative, the Menominee Tribe and its Department of Agriculture and Food Systems are renewing Native American food traditions that promote access to fresh, healthy food, agricultural best practices, Menominee cultural teachings and peer support.

Read the story.



Pictured left to right: Stephanie Dodge (Oneida), Jen Falck (Oneida), Gary Besaw (Menominee), Dan Cornelius (Oneida) at the Indigenous Food Producers Academy.



CHW/doulas Karen Kinsman (left) and Julie Bluske of the Family and Children's Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Improving Maternal and Infant Health in Southwestern Wisconsin

The Great Rivers United Way HUB is working to improve health for families at risk for poor birth outcomes. The HUB is cross-training community health workers as doulas to create a model of holistic health care that addresses both social determinants of health and clinical issues such as prenatal care coordination. The successful program continues to expand in and beyond La Crosse County thanks to additional grant funding and collaborations with local health systems. **Read the story.**

Preparing Wisconsin's Healthcare and Public Health Workforce



Funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) plays a vital role in supporting medical and public health education initiatives and health workforce development at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in Public Health (SMPH).

In fact, WPP's earliest education investments helped catalyze the transformation of the University of Wisconsin Medical School into the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Today WPP's early and current investments in education and training initiatives continue to prepare future physicians and public health leaders to positively impact health and health care for patients and populations across the state.

Public health education is deeply woven in the fabric of the SMPH thanks to WPP's early investments that helped establish the Master of Public Health Program (MPH), the Population Health Service Fellowship Program, the Preventive Residency Program and the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine.

A current strategic grant to the SMPH's Native American Center for Health Professions for the initiative **Increasing Indigenous Representation in Medicine through Academics, EnGagement and American INovation** (IIMAGIN) is expanding the representation of American Indian/Alaska Native health professionals in the health sciences fields and within health care delivery settings.

In fiscal year 2024 the Wisconsin Partnership Program renewed a strategic grant to the **SMPH's Preventive Residency Program** to support the training of physician leaders in public health and preventive medicine in both communities and health systems.

Education Highlights



The Wisconsin Partnership Program has a proud history of supporting transformational education initiatives that are helping to build Wisconsin’s medical and public health workforce and address the diverse health needs of patients and communities across the state. The following examples highlight the sustained impact of these investments.



Dr. Jenna Sebranek with her patients at Elroy Family Medical Center, Elroy, Wisconsin.

Serving Wisconsin’s Rural Communities

For physicians like Dr. Jenna Sebranek, returning to practice medicine in her small rural community was a dream come true thanks in part to her training through the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM), which was started with a grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program. This training track in rural medicine has graduated 301 physicians since 2004. Read **WPP Celebrates 20 Years of Impact** to learn more about how WPP’s education investments are positively impacting the health workforce and the patients they serve.

Driving Innovations in Medical Education

The Wisconsin Partnership Program supports education initiatives that have transformed the SMPH’s medical education curriculum to fully integrate both population- and community-based perspectives throughout all phases of physician training. Recent funding supports an innovative undergraduate medical education center focusing on health equity scholarship and research and a new three-year “short track” “WARMeRR” pathway, focused on earlier transition of select WARM medical students to Wisconsin rural residency programs. Learn more about the innovative **ForWard curriculum**.



UW School of Medicine and Public Health graduates.



Current fellows pictured back row left to right: Jade Zachery, Kristie Anderson, Raphaella Torralba, Sydney Resler, Maddie Roberts, Ravyn Cruse, Grant Zastoupil; front row left to right: Mariam Sylla, Cait McCrory, Stef Bugasch Scopoline, Isabella Walters

Celebrating 20 Years of Public Health Leadership

For two decades, the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program has dedicated itself to improving public health in Wisconsin by building future leaders. As one of WPP’s foundational education investments, the Fellowship places early-career public health professionals in Wisconsin community organizations and public health offices. The fellows play a vital role in addressing local public health challenges, while building their own skills and expertise as future leaders in the field. To date, 104 fellows have completed the program and 80 percent of recent graduates have continued to work right here in Wisconsin. Read **Wisconsin Pop Health Fellowship Turns 20**.

Driving Innovation and Scientific Discovery



The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) research grant programs span the continuum of basic, translational, clinical and applied public health research. Grants support UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) faculty in driving innovation and scientific discovery, with the ultimate goal to improve health and health care and advance health equity for the people of Wisconsin and beyond.

With WPP funding, researchers target a wide range of health issues including addiction, Alzheimer's disease, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, infectious diseases, maternal and child health, obesity and more.

In fiscal year (FY) 2024, WPP awarded grants to four interdisciplinary research collaborations through its Collaborative Health Sciences Program. These grants support interdisciplinary team science aimed at advancing innovative education or research approaches. They span various academic disciplines and address complex health issues. View the **FY 2024 award descriptions**. Please see the **Appendix** for a full list of awards.

WPP has maintained a strong track record of supporting the career development of SMPH faculty through its New Investigator Program. Awards support early-career faculty in initiating new, innovative research projects. In FY 2024, WPP was proud to support eight new research projects led by SMPH investigators. Please see the **Appendix** for a full list of awards. Read the **award descriptions**.

In addition, the Opportunity Grant Program supports SMPH investigators in groundbreaking research and education projects. Grants provide start-up funding to rapidly establish time-critical, high-profile, high-impact state-of-the-art education and research projects.

WPP's Strategic Research Grants provide funding to SMPH investigators and teams to initiate or further enhance novel research infrastructure programs at the SMPH. Funded strategic initiatives such as grants to the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) develop and expand innovative research systems and services, training and professional development, and pilot projects to equip SMPH investigators to address population health, healthcare delivery and more with a health equity focus.

In FY 2024, WPP introduced a new Postdoctoral Grant Program as part of its 20th anniversary celebration. This grant program supports SMPH postdoctoral trainees, postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows and research associates in pursuing research or education projects or a professional development opportunity to advance their career with a focus on improving health in Wisconsin. Awards will be announced later in 2024.

Research Highlights



The following examples highlight a few of the many innovative research projects led by WPP grant recipients to address health challenges affecting Wisconsin patients and populations.



Dudley Lamming (left) and Jacob Brunkard

Engineering a Healthier Calorie to Reduce Diabetes and Obesity

An innovative cross-disciplinary collaboration led by Dudley Lamming, PhD, associate professor, Department of Medicine at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and Jacob Brunkard, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Genetics in the UW–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, is harnessing expertise in metabolism and plant genetics to develop a source of plant-based foods that could reduce the intake of certain nutrients linked to obesity. Read **Engineering a Healthier Calorie: Metabolism Experts Leverage Plant Genetics to Tackle Twin Epidemics.**

Addressing the Epidemic of Prescription Opioid Misuse

Randall Brown, MD, PhD, professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health and co-collaborator Ben Zarzaur, MD, MPH, FACS, professor, Department of Surgery lead a multi-disciplinary collaboration to address the issue of opioid misuse among patients hospitalized for traumatic injury. Through a preventative telehealth intervention tailored to a patient's individual risk for prescription opioid misuse, the project aims to improve opioid misuse prevention strategies and enhance the care of patients with traumatic injuries. Read the **project description.**



Ben Zarzaur (left) and Randall Brown



Alexander Birbrair (right) with members of his research team, Brajesh Savita (left) and Debпали Sur.

Advancing Treatment for Melanoma

Alexander Birbrair, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Dermatology, is using a WPP grant for a research project to better understand how signals from nerves inside melanoma tumors affect the cancer's progression. The results of this project could inform clinical testing for new medications to treat melanoma, and ultimately improve survival rates for all melanoma patients. Read the **project description.**

Evaluation and Impact

HOW WE EVALUATE

Evaluation is a key component of the work of the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) and is designed to understand how WPP support facilitates the work of our grantees and what the ultimate impact of that work is. To do so, WPP relies on multiple strands of data, including:

- sustainability measures such as leveraged funding from external funders
- dissemination and knowledge-sharing tracking such as publications and presentations
- grantee progress and final reports with details on reach and impact
- long-term outcome tracking of grantees' work

Combined, these data sources help us answer the question at the core of the WPP evaluation plan: what is the impact that WPP-funded work is having on the health, well-being and health equity of people across the state of Wisconsin?

EVALUATION SUPPORT

Evaluation is critical for researchers and community organizations to expand or sustain their efforts. In order to be eligible for larger federal, foundation or state grants, there is often a requirement that an applicant be able to demonstrate proof-of-concept supported by past results and/or evaluation data. However, many smaller organizations lack the skills or capacity to fully evaluate their work. To bridge this gap and help promote sustainability, WPP provides evaluation support at the start of all community grants. For smaller community grant recipients, WPP advises on the design of the evaluation plan. Additionally, evaluation support for all grantees is available from WPP's evaluation staff on an as-needed basis.

SHARING OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

The Wisconsin Partnership Program writes outcome reports for each concluded project after grantees submit their final reports. The outcome reports include significant achievements of each project as well as key outcomes and are published on the **Funded Projects** section of the WPP website.

View our **Funded Projects** page for more information on WPP awards, including the results of concluded grants.

Evaluation and Impact

CONVENING AND CAPACITY-BUILDING



In fiscal year 2024, WPP continued to expand its efforts to provide learning and outreach events and networking opportunities for WPP grantees and potential applicants.

During spring 2024, WPP held six events – five in person, one virtual – across the state that were attended by 279 participants from 28 different counties. Event programming focused on health equity leadership, forming community-academic partnerships and WPP community grant funding opportunities:

- *Creating Pathways to Partnerships* was a virtual event focused on developing community-academic partnerships.
- *Lessons in Health Equity Leadership* was an in-person event that featured three

grantees from Madison, Marshfield and Milwaukee who discussed their approaches to reducing health disparities in their respective communities.

- *Community Connections* outreach events were launched in 2024 to provide a forum for learning about upcoming community grant funding opportunities and connecting with local public health and nonprofit professionals in the region. WPP staff traveled to Ashland, Fennimore, River Falls and Wisconsin Rapids to host these events in partnership with local grant partners and public health, university and community partners. As a result of these outreach events, this year's Community Impact Grant Programs saw a significant increase in applications compared to previous years.

In addition, during fiscal year 2024, WPP continued to engage the online platform Catchafire for *Partnership for a Healthier Wisconsin*, in collaboration with the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Through *Partnership for a Healthier Wisconsin*, Catchafire connects community grant applicants and recipients with talented professionals who donate their skills and expertise to help community organizations build their capacity and advance their missions. Organizations request and receive pro bono support in areas including operations, finance, web development, marketing and communications and more. In fiscal year 2024, 55 Wisconsin nonprofits received more than 2,000 hours of volunteer support through Catchafire for an estimated savings of more than \$440,000.

Financial Overview

The financial resources that support the Wisconsin Partnership Program grants were provided by the conversion of Blue Cross and Blue Shield United of Wisconsin and also include funds generated from investment earnings. All funds are in the custody of and managed by the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). Every month, funds are transferred to the School of Medicine and Public Health to reimburse expenditures in accordance with the Order of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and the five-year expenditure plans.

INVESTMENTS

Current investments consist of participation in the WFAA Short Term Investment Portfolio (STIP). The primary investment objective of the STIP is to preserve the capital and provide liquidity when dollars are called. The STIP is invested in high-quality, short- and medium-term fixed income securities, as well as a small portion that is invested in highly diversified equity investments. Noncurrent investments consist of participation in the WFAA Endowment portfolio. The primary investment objective of the Endowment portfolio is to maximize long-term real returns commensurate with stated risk tolerance, thereby maximizing long-term purchasing power of the funds, net of distributions for current spending needs. Endowment fund distributions to the spendable funds are based on the WFAA spending policy, which is applied to the market value of the endowment funds.

WFAA INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT FEE

The WFAA assesses an Institutional Advancement Fee (IAF) of 1 percent on all funds participating in its endowment pool, including Wisconsin Partnership Program funds, as a primary source of revenue for WFAA operations.

This assessment, and its usage, is determined by the WFAA board of directors, and is not controlled by the Wisconsin Partnership Program. The IAF for fiscal years 2024 and 2023 were \$3,914,948 and \$3,684,912, respectively, and are shown under expenses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets on page 17.

WFAA decreases the Institutional Advancement Fee to 0.7 percent on cumulative fund amounts above \$250 million per qualified relationship. Partnership Program funds exceed the established level, and savings from this fee reduction are fully allocated to the Oversight and Advisory Committee for public health initiatives. These savings were \$424,484 and \$355,473 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

GRANTS PAYABLE

Grants payable amounts are recorded as of the date of approval by the Oversight and Advisory committee or Partnership Education and Research Committee. The liability reflects the total amount of the grant award, less any payments or adjustments made on or before June 30, 2024. Any subsequent modifications to grant awards are recorded as adjustments of grant expenses in the year the adjustment occurs.

Financial Overview

NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted: funds consist of interest and investment income earned by the funds invested in the STIP or endowment portfolio at WFAA and the cumulative net gains or losses related to the permanently restricted funds that are invested within the endowment portfolio. These funds are available to support program expenditures.

Permanently Restricted: The portion of the gift proceeds originally allocated to permanently endow the Wisconsin Partnership Program. These funds have been invested in the endowment portfolio of the Foundation and the corpus is not available to support program expenditures.

OAC REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE ALLOCATED PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS

As outlined in its founding documents, the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) annually reviews and assesses the allocation percentage for public health initiatives and for education and research initiatives. The OAC

took up this matter on October 25, 2023. It was moved to retain the allocation of 35 percent for public health initiatives and 65 percent for education and research initiatives, and the motion was unanimously passed.

SUPPLANTING POLICY

Based on the non-supplanting determination made by the School of Medicine and Public Health Finance Director, the Dean of the School of Medicine and Public Health has attested to compliance with the supplanting prohibition in this Annual Report. The UW-Madison Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration has also attested that UW-Madison and the UW System have complied with the supplanting prohibition.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial reports consolidate activities of the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association and the School of Medicine and Public Health for the fiscal years ending June 2024 and June 2023.

Financial Overview

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
ASSETS		
UW SMPH Cash	\$ (1,296,427)	\$ (1,474,833)
Current Investments	19,130,816	16,874,077
Noncurrent Investments	414,655,660	384,748,419
Total Assets	\$ 432,490,049	\$ 400,147,663
LIABILITIES		
OAC Grants Payable	\$ 15,022,424	\$ 18,066,143
PERC Grants Payable	11,768,814	14,959,206
Total Liabilities	26,791,238	33,025,349
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily Restricted	122,082,544	83,506,047
Permanently Restricted	283,616,267	283,616,267
Total Net Assets	405,698,811	367,122,314
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 432,490,049	\$ 400,147,663

Financial Overview

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended June 30, 2024	Year Ended June 30, 2023
REVENUES		
Interest Income	392,190	67,742
Change in Fair Value of Endowed Funds	51,440,406	37,929,283
Total Revenues	51,832,596	37,997,025
EXPENSES		
WFAA Institutional Advancement Fee	3,914,948	3,684,912
Less: WFAA IAF Rebate	(424,484)	(355,473)
OAC Initiatives		
Administrative Expenses	613,155	532,220
Grant Expenses	3,075,683	3,084,384
PERC Initiatives		
Administrative Expenses	1,138,715	988,409
Grant Expenses	4,938,082	6,348,839
Total Expenses	13,256,099	14,283,291
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	38,576,497	23,713,734
Net Assets - Beginning of year	367,122,314	343,408,580
Net Assets - End of year	\$405,698,811	\$367,122,314

Financial Overview

GRANT AWARD COMMITMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Net Grant Awards(1)	Inception to date Disbursements	Outstanding Grant Commitments
Public Health Initiatives			
Grants awarded from Inception to FY2023	\$ 102,663,049	\$ 91,852,527	\$ 10,810,522
FY2024 Awards	4,231,505	19,603	4,211,902
Subtotal	\$ 106,894,554	\$ 91,872,130	\$ 15,022,424
Medical Education and Research Initiatives			
Grants awarded from Inception to FY2023	\$ 178,686,188	\$ 171,669,936	\$ 7,016,252
FY2024 Awards	5,338,582	586,020	4,752,562
Subtotal	\$ 184,024,770	\$ 172,255,956	\$ 11,768,814
Total	\$ 290,919,324	\$ 264,128,086	\$ 26,791,238

(1) Reflects grants awarded less any lapsed awards returned to the Wisconsin Partnership Program

Financial Overview

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (UW SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH)

	FY 2024	FY 2023
BALANCE, JULY 1	\$ (1,474,833)	\$ (1,327,208)
CASH RECEIPTS		
Payments received from the UW Foundation	16,178,151	16,928,381
Total Receipts	16,178,151	16,928,381
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Public Health Initiatives	6,119,404	6,643,145
Medical Education and Research Initiatives	8,128,471	8,912,232
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries	1,097,666	959,012
Fringe Benefits	388,725	341,918
Travel	29,008	1,374
Supplies and Services	72,977	100,875
Consultants and Contracts	131,311	94,584
Other Disbursements	32,183	22,866
Total Program Administration	1,751,870	1,520,629
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	15,999,745	17,076,006
Increase (Decrease) In Balance	178,406	(147,625)
Balance, June 30	\$ (1,296,427)	\$ (1,474,833)

Policies and Procedures

The Wisconsin Partnership Program and its Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) conduct their operations, grantmaking processes and stewardship responsibility in accordance with program requirements and the Insurance Commissioner's Order and Grant Agreement as well as federal, state and local laws.

OAC and PERC follow standard Request for Proposal guidelines, requirements, multistep review processes and selection criteria throughout the grantmaking process. In addition, the Wisconsin Partnership Program evaluates the progress and outcomes of funded grants using annual and final reports, financial reports, presentations and site visits.

OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS

As directed by the Insurance Commissioner's Order, the Wisconsin Partnership Program conducts its operations and processes in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings and Public Records Laws. Meetings of the OAC and PERC and their subcommittees are open to the public. Committee agendas and minutes are posted on the Wisconsin Partnership Program's website.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is subject to and complies with the diversity, equity, inclusion and equal opportunity policies of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents and UW-Madison.

A commitment to diversity and inclusion is integral to the Wisconsin Partnership Program's mission to serve the public health needs of Wisconsin and to reduce health disparities and advance health equity through community partnerships, education and research. This policy is in alignment with those of the UW System and UW-Madison to inform the Partnership Program's goals, objectives and processes.

LEARN MORE

The Wisconsin Partnership Program's website provides detailed information on our policies and procedures for applicants and grant recipients. View the [**Resources and Policies webpage**](#).

Wisconsin Partnership Program Leadership

Two committees govern the Wisconsin Partnership Program: the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and the Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC).

OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The University of Wisconsin (UW) System Board of Regents appoints four representatives from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) and four community health advocates representing different health categories to the nine-member Oversight and Advisory Committee.

The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance appoints one OAC member. Members serve four-year terms. One member of the Board of Regents and a representative of the UW–Madison Office of the Chancellor also serve as liaisons to the OAC.

The primary responsibilities of the OAC are to:

- Direct and approve available funds for community-engaged public health initiatives and public health education and training
- Provide public representation through the OAC's four health advocates
- Offer comment and advice on the PERC's grant allocations

Community Health Advocate Appointees

Cedric Johnson

OAC Vice Chair
Manager, Advocacy and Alliances, Exact Sciences

Gregory Nycz

CEO, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.

Aaron Perry

Founder and President, Rebalanced-Life Wellness Association

Sue Smith, RN, MSN, CPM

OAC Secretary
Director/Health Officer, Wood County Health Department

Insurance Commissioner's Appointee

Jennifer Stegall

Executive Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Commissioner of Insurance

UW School of Medicine and Public Health Appointees

Jon Audhya, PhD

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Wisconsin Partnership Program Leadership

PARTNERSHIP EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) broadly represents the faculty, staff and leadership at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and includes representatives from the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC).

The primary responsibilities of the PERC are to:

- Direct and approve available funds for faculty-initiated education and research initiatives to advance health and health equity
- Maintain a balanced portfolio of grant investments in population health
- Strengthen collaborations with communities and health leaders statewide

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Appendix: Awarded Grants

WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTMAKING ACTIVITY: FISCAL YEAR 2024

During fiscal year 2024, the Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded 25 new awards for a total of \$9.5 million and supported the progress of 56 active grants and 28 concluding grants.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Impact Level One Grants

The Community Impact Level One Grants are designed for small to medium-sized with annual expenses of less than \$500,000. Awards are up to \$250,000 for up to three years.

Name of Project	Community Lead Organization	Academic Partner (if applicable)
Advocates in Medicine Pathway 2.0: Promoting Inclusion of Rural and Underrepresented Students in the Physician Workforce	North Central Wisconsin AHEC, Inc	
Empowering African Immigrant Women's Health and Well-being: A Virtual Center for Women's Health and Mental Health in Wisconsin	Alaafia Women Corporation	Lorraine Malcoe, PhD, MPH, associate professor, UW-Milwaukee Zilber School of Public Health
Riding in the Moment: A Community-Based Program Using Equine-Assisted Services to Improve the Health and Quality of Life of People Living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias and their Families.	Three Gaits, Inc. Therapeutic Horsemanship Center	Beth Fields, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Kinesiology, UW-Madison School of Education

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Community Impact Grant Level Two

The Community Impact Level Two grants are designed for larger organizations with annual expenses of \$500,000 or more and require an academic partner. Awards are up to \$500,000 for up to three years.

Name of Project	Community Lead Organization	Academic Partner
Building Bridges to Health Equity in the Amani Neighborhood: Improving Healthcare Access and Quality	Children's Outing Association	David Frazer, MPH, outreach program associate director, Center for Urban Population Health, UW–Madison School of Medicine and Public Health
City of Madison Firefighter/ EMT Development Program	City of Madison Fire Department	Michael Spigner, MD, EMT-P, assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, UW–Madison School of Medicine and Public Health
Engaging Communities to Change Health Outcomes (ECCHO)	Embolden WI Inc. (fmrly. Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health)	Mary Beth Collins, JD, executive director, Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, UW–Madison School of Human Ecology
Feeding the Whole Child, Whole Family, and Whole Community through Civic Engagement	Marshfield Clinic	Maggie Bohm–Jordan, PhD, associate professor, Department of Sociology and Social Work, UW–Stevens Point College of Letters and Science
Improving Social Determinants of Health Factors Through Utilization of a Family Coach	Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.	Joshua Mersky, PhD, professor, Department of Social Work, UW–Milwaukee School of Social Welfare
Leveraging Community Organizations to Support Better Overall Health Among LGBTQ+ Youth by Bridging Educators and Families	GSAFE	Mollie McQuillan, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, UW–Madison School of Education
Medical Legal Partnership	Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association	Amy Washbush, PhD, associate director for engaged research, Center for Nonprofits, UW–Madison School of Human Ecology

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EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

The Partnership Education and Research Committee allocates funds for faculty-led research and education initiatives to improve population health. These education and research grant programs address issues of health and health care and advance health equity through novel basic, clinical, translational and applied public health research as well as through innovative education and training.

New Investigator Program Grants

The New Investigator Program fosters development of early-career SMPH faculty as they initiate new, innovative pilot projects that address Wisconsin's health issues with strong potential to leverage more substantial funding from federal or other granting agencies. The following awards were made for \$150,000 each over two years.

Name of Project	Principal Investigator
Defining a Neuron-pericyte Axis via the Neuropeptide Receptor PAC1 in Melanoma Development and Progression	Alexander Birbrair, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Dermatology
Determining the Mechanisms by which Common Genetic Variation Affects Molecular and Cellular Traits in Macrocephalic Autism	Justin Wolter, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Genetics
Engineering CAR T Cells to Overcome Variable Antigen Density in Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Rebecca Richards, MD, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics
Functional and Genomic Comparison of Ovarian Cancer Cells in Ascites to Primary Tumor and Associated Cell-free DNA	Jessica Lang, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Leveraging Haplotype Diversity to Study Coronary Artery Disease Risk	Valentina Lo Sardo, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology
Liquid Biopsy Biomarkers of Targeted Therapy Resistance in Metastatic ER+ Breast Cancer	Marina Sharifi, MD, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Medicine
Meaningful Clinical Trial Endpoints in Gliomas: A Novel Multi-modal Approach to Patients with Incurable Brain Tumor	Ankush Bhatia, MD, assistant professor (CHS), Department of Neurology
Use of a Translational Lung on a Chip Model to Catalyze Diagnostic and Therapeutic Advances for Aspiration Pneumonia	Hilary Faust, MD, MS, assistant professor (CHS), Department of Medicine

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Collaborative Health Sciences Program Grants

The Collaborative Health Sciences Grant Program provides up to \$600,000 over three years to support interdisciplinary team science to advance novel research or education approaches to target complex health problems while advancing health, health care and health equity in Wisconsin and beyond.

Name of Project	Principal Investigator	Co-principal Investigator
Effects of Puberty Blockade on Behavior, Brain and Reproductive Physiology in an Animal Model	Walid Farhat, MD, FRCSC, FACS, professor (CHS), Chief of the Division of Pediatric Urology, Department of Urology	Anthony Auger, PhD, professor, Department of Psychology, UW–Madison College of Letters & Science and Joan Jorgensen, DVM, PhD, professor, Department of Comparative Biosciences, UW School of Veterinary Medicine
Engineering a Healthier Calorie: A Cross-disciplinary Collaboration	Dudley Lamming, PhD, associate professor, Department of Medicine	Jacob Brunkard, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Genetics, UW–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Non-Invasive Ultrasound Urodynamics to Improve Medical Care for Men with Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms in Rural Areas	Alejandro Roldán-Alzate, PhD, associate professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UW–Madison College of Engineering	Jennifer Franck, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UW–Madison College of Engineering and Wade Bushman, MD, PhD, professor emeritus, Department of Urology
Screening in Trauma for Opioid Misuse Prevention: Adaptive Intervention (STOMP-AI) Study	Randall Brown, MD, PhD, FASAM, professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, director of the UW Center for Addictive Disorders	Ben Zarzaur, MD, MPH, FACS, professor, Department of Surgery

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STRATEGIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

In alignment with the strategic direction of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, the Wisconsin Partnership Program provides critical funding through the Strategic Grant Program to initiate or further enhance novel education and research programs vital to improving health and health care and advancing health equity in Wisconsin and beyond. The following strategic grants were awarded during this reporting period:

Name of Project	Principal Investigator	Amount
University of Wisconsin Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR): Biostatistics, Informatics and Research Design Support Module	Bernadette Gillick, PhD, MSPT, PT, professor, Departments of Pediatrics	\$375,000
University of Wisconsin Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR): Mentoring and Professional Development Module	Elizabeth Burnside, MD, MPH, associate dean for team science and interdisciplinary research; deputy director, Institute for Clinical and Translational Research; professor, Department of Radiology	\$448,590
University of Wisconsin-Madison Preventive Medicine Residency and Public Health Integration (PMR-PHI) Program	Elizabeth Salisbury Afshar, MD, MPH, clinical and teaching physician, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health	\$914,992

UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Pilot Awards Program

The Wisconsin Partnership Program provides funding to the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) to support its Pilot Awards Program. Projects focus on clinical, community and patient-centered outcomes and dissemination and implementation of evidence-based, community-driven interventions. The Wisconsin Partnership Program supports the following ICTR pilot projects that were awarded in fiscal year 2024.

Name of Project	Principal Investigator (UW-Madison)	Amount	Type
Approach for Cognitive Rehabilitation of Infants Living in Rural Communities	Melisa Carrasco McCaul, MD, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Neurology	\$75,000	CCOR

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UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Pilot Awards Program (Cont.)

Name of Project	Principal Investigator (UW-Madison)	Amount	Type
Clarifying Misbeliefs About Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ): Developing an Individualized Decision Aid for Diverse Patients with Lupus (HCQ-IDEAL)	Shivani Garg, MD, associate professor, Rheumatology	\$150,000	D&I
Co-Developing a Communication-training Intervention to Improve Decision Making	Kristin Pecanac, PhD, RN, assistant professor, School of Nursing	\$96,600	SPER
Cognitive Rehabilitation for Long COVID Patients with Brain Fog – the First Step	Aurora Pop-Vicas, MD, MPH, associate professor (CHS), Department of Internal Medicine	\$74,900	CCOR
Community-engaged Adaptation of a Well-being Intervention to Support Successful Reentry following Incarceration	Daniel Grupe, PhD, associate scientist, Center for Healthy Minds	\$74,900	CHER
Culturally Tailoring the Delivery of an Evidence-Based Diabetes Self-Management Program for Black Adults to Enhance its Reach, Adoption and Implementation	Olayinka Shiyabola, PhD, associate professor, School of Pharmacy	\$150,000	D&I
Developing the RAMADAN Instrument: Recognizing Access and Management Associated Diabetes Adversities in Nationwide Muslims in the US (RAMADAN)	Betty Chewing, PhD, professor, School of Pharmacy	\$10,000	AHEAD

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UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Pilot Awards Program (Cont.)

Name of Project	Principal Investigator (UW-Madison)	Amount	Type
Engaging Patients with Dementia and their Care Partners	Kellia Hansmann, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Medicine and Community Health	\$100,000	SPER
Feasibility and Acceptability of Congenital Heart Disease Survivor Transition Readiness	Krisjon Olson, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics	\$75,000	CHER
Healthcare Coverage in Nontraditional Families in Wisconsin: An Assessment of Needs	Lawrence Berger, PhD, professor, Institute for Research on Poverty	\$10,000	AHEAD
Identifying Mechanisms Underlying Neighborhood Disadvantage-Associated Disparities in Outcomes After Complex Cancer Surgery	Syed Nabeel Zafar, MD, MPH, Department of Surgery	\$10,000	AHEAD
Improving Medication Use Among Veteran Patients with Inflammatory Conditions	Amanda Margolis, PharmD, MS, associate professor, School of Pharmacy	\$74,700	CCOR
Improving Mental and Physical Well Being of Children and Adults of African Descent	Abraham Olufunmilola, PhD, associate professor, School of Pharmacy	\$75,000	CCOR
Linking On-Farm Occupational Exposures to Shifts in Antimicrobial Resistance and the Microbiome of Underserved Farm Workers.	Jessica Hite, PhD, assistant professor, School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiological Sciences	\$10,000	AHEAD
MAT-CHW: A Co-Designed Intervention with WI Refugees to Improve Maternal Child Health	Zoua Vang, PhD, professor, School of Human Ecology	\$100,000	SPER

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UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Pilot Awards Program (Cont.)

Name of Project	Principal Investigator (UW-Madison)	Amount	Type
Improving Medication Use Among Veteran Patients with Inflammatory Conditions	Amanda Margolis, PharmD, MS, associate professor, School of Pharmacy	\$74,700	CCOR
Multigenerational Medical Record Data Linkages for an Analysis of the Healthcare Use and Health Outcomes of Siblings of Stillborn Babies- A Comparative Design, Wisconsin and Utah	Kristen Sharp, MD, professor (CHS), Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology	\$9,800	AHEAD
Peer-led Trauma Therapy for Re-entry	Michael Koenigs, PhD, professor (CHS), Department of Psychiatry	\$74,500	CCOR
Racial and Geographic Disparities of Prenatal Care Coordination in Wisconsin	Lawrence Berger, PhD, professor, Institute for Research on Poverty	\$10,000	AHEAD
Reducing Racial Disparities in Smoking: The Milwaukee Collaboration	Megan Piper, PhD, professor, Center for Tobacco Research	\$100,000	SPER
Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteremia Electronic Reminder Adapted for Rural Settings: The Saber Project	Julie Keating, PhD, scientist, Department of Medicine	\$74,700	CCOR

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UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Pilot Awards Program (Cont.)

Name of Project	Principal Investigator (UW-Madison)	Amount	Type
The Digital Living Well with Atrial Fibrillation	Matthew Kalscheur, MD, electrophysiologist, Department of Medicine	\$100,000	SPER
Tribal Institutional Review Boards: A Model for Indigenous Health Equity	Carey Gleason, PhD, Professor, Department of Medicine	\$10,000	AHEAD
Where Do the Babies Go? Infants of Incarcerated Mothers And Their Caregivers	Jill Denson, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics	\$74,800	CHER

AHEAD: Advancing Health Equity and Diversity; CCOR: Clinical and Community Outcomes Research; D&I: Dissemination and Implementation Research; SPER: Stakeholder and Patient Engaged Research

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Collaboration Grants
Creating Our Healthy Neighborhood: Reversing Disinvestment in Urban Milwaukee, Metcalfe Park Community Bridges Inc.
ROOTed to REAP: Latinx/Indigenous Women Advancing Health and Food Equity in Dane County, REAP Food Group
The Good Hood: Making Meadowood a Healthy Community, The Mellowood Foundation

Community Impact Grants
Connecting Clinics, Campuses, and Communities to Advance Health Equity, Marshfield Clinic
First Breath Families: Helping Low-Income Moms Quit Smoking and Babies Grow Up Smoke-Free, Wisconsin Womens Health Foundation Inc.
Southwestern Wisconsin Recovery Pathways, Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program
Making Milwaukee a Lead Safe City - Walnut Way

COVID-19 Response Grant
PATCH Youth Advocacy Fellowship for Social and Emotional Health, Embolden WI Inc. (fmrly. Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health)
Supporting Healthy Black Families' Workgroups, Urban Triage, Inc.
Supporting the Mental and Social-Emotional Health Needs of Black, Brown, Multiracial, Trans & Nonbinary LGBTQ+ Adolescents Impacted by COVID-19, GSAFE
Supporting Youth through the La Crosse System of Care, La Crosse County Human Services

Maternal and Infant Health Grants
Birth Outcomes Made Better (BOMB) Doula Program, City of Milwaukee
Strengthening Community Supports for Black Families in Rock County, Rock County Health Department
Strong Fathers Strong Families Project, Fathers Making Progress
Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center Community Based Doulas and Family Support Programming, Today Not Tomorrow, Inc.

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EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Collaborative Health Sciences Program

Comparison of Successful Colorectal Cancer Screening Strategies in Wisconsin Rural and Urban Settings: Achieving “80% In Every Community”

Principal Investigator: Jennifer Weiss, MD, MS, associate professor, Department of Medicine

Co-principal Investigators: Robert Greenlee, PhD, Marshfield Clinic and James Ford, PhD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy, UW School of Pharmacy

Hexosamin Biosynthetic Pathway in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

Principal Investigator: Allan Braiser, senior associate dean for clinical and translational research

Co-principal investigators: Nathan Sandbo, MD, PhD, associate professor, Department of Medicine; Paul Campagnola, PhD, professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, UW-Madison College of Engineering

Towards an Integrated Understanding of Stress, Inflammation and Immune Response

Principal Investigator: David Beebe, PhD, professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

Co-principal Investigator: Anna Huttenlocher, MD, professor, Department of Pediatrics, UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health and Richard Davidson, PhD, professor, Department of Psychology, College of Letters and Science

COVID-19 Response Grant Program

Evaluating COVID-19 Response Efforts to Improve Health and Racial Equity in Milwaukee County, UW Population Health Institute

Predicting Patient Outcomes in Wisconsin and Nationwide Using the University of Wisconsin’s COVID-19 EHR Cohort Database

Michael Fiore, MD, MPH, MBA, professor emeritus, Department of Medicine, UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

Appendix: Concluded Grants

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS (CONT.)

New Investigator Grant Program
<p>Non-invasive Diagnosis of Acute Kidney Injury in Premature Infants Matthew Harer, MD, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics</p>
<p>Quantitative Functional Biomarkers of Cervical Remodeling During Pregnancy Using Ultrasound Imaging Ivan Rosado-Mendez, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Medical Physics</p>
<p>Replicating the First Step of Human Vision in a Dish for Designing Effective Therapies to Cure Blindness Raunak Sinha, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Neuroscience</p>
<p>Vascular Effects of the Precision Interventions for Severe Asthma Matthew Tattersall, DO, MS, associate professor, Department of Medicine</p>

UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR)
<p>Accessible Transition Readiness Assessment (aTRA): Adapting an Intervention for Congenital Heart Disease Survivors with Disabilities Catherine Allen, MD, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics</p>
<p>Addressing Inequities in Long COVID Experiences: Implementing an Educational Intervention in Primary Care Rachel Grob, distinguished scientist, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health</p>
<p>Advancing the use of Academic Detailing and DICE as Ways of Enhancing the Care of Persons Living with Dementia Art Walaszek, MD, professor, Department of Psychiatry</p>
<p>Community Co-design and Pilot Test of Public Health Messages Addressing Pediatric Vaccine Hesitancy in Rural America Malia Jones, PhD, MPH, assistant professor, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences</p>
<p>Disseminating and Implementing MedSMART Families in the Emergency Department: An Evidence-based Approach for Improving Opioid Safety Among Adolescents and Parents Olufunmilola Abraham, BPharm, MS, PhD, associate professor, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy</p>
<p>Understanding How the Forensic Nurse Exam can be Improved to Reduce Health Disparities Among Black, Indigenous, and LGBTQ2S Survivors of Sexual Assault Kate Walsh, PhD, professor, Department of Psychology, UW-Madison</p>

Appendix: Concluded Grants

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS (CONT.)

Strategic Education and Research Grants
Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) Jomol Mathew, PhD, associate dean for informatics and information technology, SMPH Informatics and Information Technology
Understanding and Addressing Health Disparities in Wisconsin through Statewide Partnerships Maureen Smith, MD, PhD, MPH, professor, Departments of Population Health Sciences and Family Medicine and Community Health
University of Wisconsin Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) - Community Engagement Module Jane Mahoney, MD, professor, Department of Medicine
University of Wisconsin Preventive Medicine Residency Program Jonathan Temte, MD, PhD, associate dean for public health and community engagement; professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Appendix: Active Grants

In addition to this fiscal year’s awarded and concluded grants, the following active grants were also supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Collaboration Grants
Increasing Capacity for MACH OneHealth to Improve Health Access, Equity, and Outcomes for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

Community Impact Grants
Accelerating Health Equity for Black Women in Wisconsin - Well Black Woman Institute
Addressing Stressors, Preventing Farmer Suicide: Social Connectedness and Health
Advancing Health Equity Through Legal Interventions for Low-Income Wisconsinites
Biehl Bridges to Recovery "Advancing Health Equity through Economic Stabilization within the Recovery Community
Black Men’s Mental Health and Well-Being
Building Tech Skills, Opportunities, Health and Wellness for Returning Citizens
Community-Campus Partnership to Create Mental Health Support for the Latino Community
Creating a Renewed and Culturally Vibrant Healthy Food System for Kaeyas Mamaceqtawak (The Ancient Movers)
Evaluating the Effectiveness of One City Schools: Preparing Children for School Success and Healthy Lives
Food Sovereignty in the Oneida Nation: A Comprehensive Approach to Health
Health Equity for Criminal Justice-impacted Women through Access to Housing
Healthy Communities through WEESN-Milwaukee: Supporting Quality Early Learning and Family Well-Being
Improving Birth Outcomes for Black Families through Community-Clinic Collaborations
Parenting Support Is Public Health: Reducing Health Disparities in the Child Welfare System
Preventing Early Expulsion to Promote Child Health
Reducing Health Inequity Through Promotion of Social Connectedness
Re-entry Rising MKE
Social Service Redesign
Supporting Social Emotional Health in K-12 African American Students
The Latino Dementia Health Regional Consortium
Wisconsin Rural Health & Substance Use clinical Support (RHeSUS) Program

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COMMUNITY GRANTS (CONT.)

Maternal and Child Health Program Grants
Bridging Community Supports to Achieve Healthy Births for Black Mothers
Development of a OB Nurse Navigator Program in a Rural Critical Access Hospital
Door County Welcome Baby Continuum Project
Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center: Little Seedlings Program
Improving Health Outcomes for Families: Evidence-Based Home Visiting
Improving Maternal & Child Health Outcomes through Great Rivers HUB & Community Health Worker/Doula Workforce Expansion
Improving Maternal Child Health for the Somali Community in Barron County
Jardin de Espacios (Garden of Spaces): Designing Well-Being During the Perinatal Journey
Marathon County Start Right
Milwaukee Start Right
Support for Mothers and Infants from the Amish and Mennonite (Plain) Communities
Supporting Healthy Babies through Strengthening Families

COVID-19 Response Grants
A Call to Action: Compassion Resilience Training for Parents and Family Caregivers
Restorative Justice in Schools and Communities: Facilitating Healing, Support, and Cultural Identity Affirmation for Young People
Testing and Scaling Virtual and In-person Youth Group Therapy and Guardian Support Groups

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RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Collaborative Health Sciences Grant Program
Advancing Health Equity for Lupus Patients in Wisconsin:
Evaluating a Novel Follow-up Intervention to Improve the Delivery of Follow-up Care for Low-Risk Breast Cancer Survivors in Wisconsin: How a Care Continuum and Community Stakeholders Can Inform Interventions to Close Disparities Gaps
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Therapy for Wisconsin Prison Inmates
Prevention of HPV-Associated Anogenital Cancers Using HIV Protease Inhibitors
Rediscovering Rheumatoid Factor as a Unique Antiviral Agent in COVID-19

COVID-19 Response Grant Program
Widespread Protective Immunity Screening Against COVID-19 Using Point-of-care Serology Profiling Biosensor
Responding to dual epidemics of COVID-19 and Overdose among People Who Inject Drugs in Wisconsin
Implications of COVID-19 on Service Delivery, Health, and Well-Being for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

New Investigator Grant Program
Defining Stromal Mechanisms of ER+ Breast Cancer Dissemination, Dormancy, and Metastatic Recurrence
Evaluating the Impacts of Wisconsin's Birth Cost Recovery Policy on the Health and Wellbeing of Low-Income Black Birthing Parents: A Community-Centered Approach
Improving ICU Care for Older Adults Near the End of Life through Time-limited Trials
Modulating Adipose Tissue Heme Biosynthesis to Promote Energy Expenditure in Obesity
Targeting Gene Therapy Vectors to Nuclear Sites to Improve Precision Medicine and Oncolytic Virotherapies

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STRATEGIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Strategic Education Grants
Increasing Indigenous Representation in Medicine through Academics EnGagement and INnovation (IIMAGIN)
Wisconsin Partnership Program Scholarship

Strategic Research Grants
UW-Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) - Administration, Leadership and Evaluation Module
UW-Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) - Biostatistics, Informatics and Research Design Support
UW-Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) - Mentoring and Professional Development Module
UW-Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) - Pilot Awards Program Module

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