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The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) is home to the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP), a grantmaking program established as the result of the conversion of Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin from a nonprofit service corporation to a stock insurance corporation. Half of the proceeds from the stock sale were directed to SMPH to create WPP to improve the health of the people of Wisconsin through investments in community partnerships, education and research.

Key

NACHP

Native American Center for Health Professions

OAC

Oversight and Advisory Committee

PERC

Partnership Education and Research Committee

SMPH

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

WFAA

Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association

WPP

Wisconsin Partnership Program

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Message to Partners

Dear Partners,

We are pleased to present the fiscal year 2026 annual report of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health's Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP). Over the course of this past year, WPP continued to carry out its mission to advance health and improve lives for all across our great state through a broad portfolio of novel research and education initiatives and community partnerships.

As you will read, the impact of WPP grantees is reaching all corners of Wisconsin. Tracking tick-borne diseases, treating cancer, addressing mental health challenges, promoting food security, and boosting the clinical trials workforce are among the many innovative projects and initiatives funded by WPP. Through its community- and faculty-led grant programs, WPP is taking a multi-faceted approach to address issues that impact us all and improve health for patients and populations across Wisconsin's urban, rural and tribal communities.

A commitment to public health underscores this approach. It all started with WPP's transformational contributions to catalyze the UW School of Medicine's evolution into the nation's first integrated School of Medicine and Public Health. Today, the impactful investments made by WPP continue to support innovative medical and public health education pathways that benefit learners, as well as the patients and communities they serve. WPP's research

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investments propel cutting-edge research and discoveries to treat diseases and improve population health. WPP's community grant programs are open to communities across the state and support initiatives that span many sectors and address numerous health factors occurring beyond the clinic walls to ensure healthy, thriving communities.

WPP continues to build on its strong legacy of partnership.

In alignment with the Wisconsin Idea, WPP works closely with community and campus partners, medical and public health practitioners, the Universities of Wisconsin, and many others across the state, to ensure our work benefits the people of Wisconsin, no matter where they live. We remain steadfast in this commitment, nimble and adaptable in our approach, and ready to meet Wisconsin's current and future health needs.



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Wisconsin Partnership Program

Overview

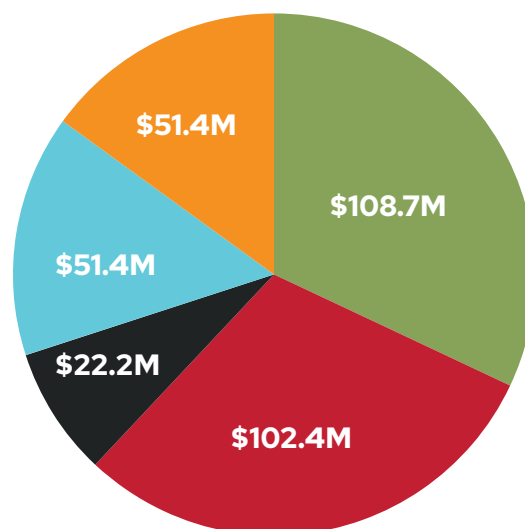
The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) is a grantmaking program within the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) committed to improving health for all in Wisconsin.

WPP advances its mission to improve health and advance well-being through a strong portfolio of grant programs that propel medical research, enhance health education and workforce development and support community partnerships.

Since 2004, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has awarded **750 grants** for community partnerships, and research and education initiatives. The grants, totaling **\$336 million**, have resulted in a remarkable return on investment, with grantees leveraging more **\$983 million** in additional funding — more than double the amount of WPP’s initial investments — to sustain their projects.

The work and impact of WPP and its grantees touches all corners of the state, across a wide range of health challenges, communities, populations and geographic areas.

Grants Awarded By Type



- Education/Workforce Development
- Community
- Research, Clinical & Transitional
- Research, Basic Science
- Research, Public Health



Vision

Everyone in Wisconsin will live healthy and full lives.



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



Values

- Academic and Community Leadership
- Creativity and Flexibility
- Multi-sector partnerships
- Sustainability

WPP defines health equity as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people.

Governance

In accordance with the Insurance Commissioner's Order of March 2000, which established the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH), the Wisconsin Partnership Program operates within a robust governance structure. Two governance committees composed of community members and UW School of Medicine and Public Health faculty guide WPP's work and its processes for reviewing and awarding grants to advance its mission. The Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) directs and approves available funds for community-engaged public health initiatives and public health education and training. The Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) directs and approves available funds for SMPH faculty-initiated education and research initiatives that align with Wisconsin's health research priorities and workforce needs.

\$983M Total dollar amount leveraged in funding derived from WPP-funded projects

262 community organizations funded
Community grant recipients include hospitals, health care systems, school districts, government organizations, nonprofits and more

1,298 partnering community organizations
Additional collaborators on community grant projects

21 colleges engaged
Includes 13 Universities of Wisconsin colleges, 6 technical colleges and 2 Tribal colleges

3,602 trainees
Past and present medical and public health students and trainees impacted by WPP-funded education initiatives

155 interdisciplinary research grants
Grants that expand collaborative research and advance novel ideas to tackle complex health challenges

132 career development grants
Grants that support innovative projects by early-career faculty and postdocs

10,742 disseminations of project findings
Articles, presentations and other media

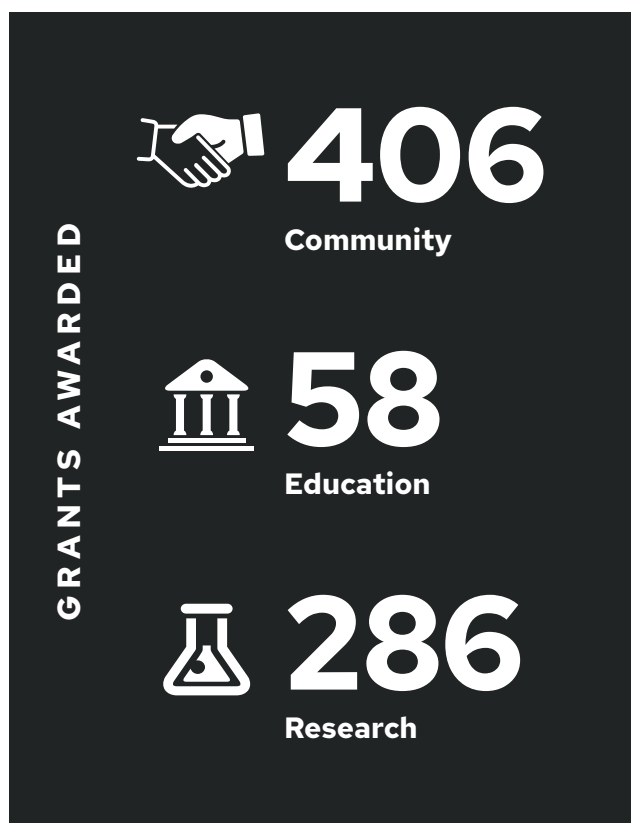
677 reviewers engaged
Panels of community and academic reviewers engage in robust multi-step review processes

750

Total number of grants made

\$336M

Total dollar amount awarded



FISCAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

In fiscal year 2026, the Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded 58 grants totaling \$14.2 million and administered an additional 61 active and 50 concluded grants. WPP grant recipients are leading partnerships to advance health across Wisconsin communities; conducting

innovative research to prevent and treat diseases; creating new education pathways to enhance Wisconsin's health workforce; and training future physicians and public health leaders to improve health for patients and populations in Wisconsin and beyond.

58

Total number of grants made

50

Total number of concluding grants

61

Total number of ongoing grants

\$14.3M

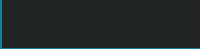
Total dollar amount awarded

324

Individuals reached through WPP convening and outreach events

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▶ [VIEW THE OUTCOME REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.](#)



Advancing Health Improving Lives

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) advances health and improves lives across Wisconsin through partnerships to improve community health; propel medical research and discovery; and enhance health education and workforce development. Together, with its grant partners, WPP is addressing pressing health issues that impact people and communities throughout the state.

Through a multi-pronged approach to grantmaking, WPP's portfolio reflects a comprehensive, responsive and far-reaching commitment to meeting Wisconsin's current and future health needs.





Linda Ketchum, executive director, JustDane, is using a WPP grant to enhance services at the Healing House, a medical respite shelter for families. See the project highlight on page 27.

Promoting Health through Community Partnerships

WPP's community engagement extends throughout the state with Wisconsin non-profits, technical colleges, tribal colleges, public health organizations, and across the Universities of Wisconsin, creating strong partnerships and community-led initiatives to solve numerous and diverse health challenges facing Wisconsin communities.



Community-Academic Partnerships

WPP's community grant programs require substantial community leadership, and funded projects are informed and implemented by the impacted community. Academic partners who are part of a community grant team contribute to the project through evaluation, program design, learning, or other ways best suited to the project.

WPP holds a unique position embedded in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health that enables it to connect academic and community partners in meaningful ways. Community grant applicants looking for academic partners draw on a wide field of potential partners through the numerous schools, centers, institutes and offices at the Universities of Wisconsin 13 universities, including UW-Madison Extension, and at the Wisconsin Technical College System 16 colleges, and two Wisconsin Tribal colleges.

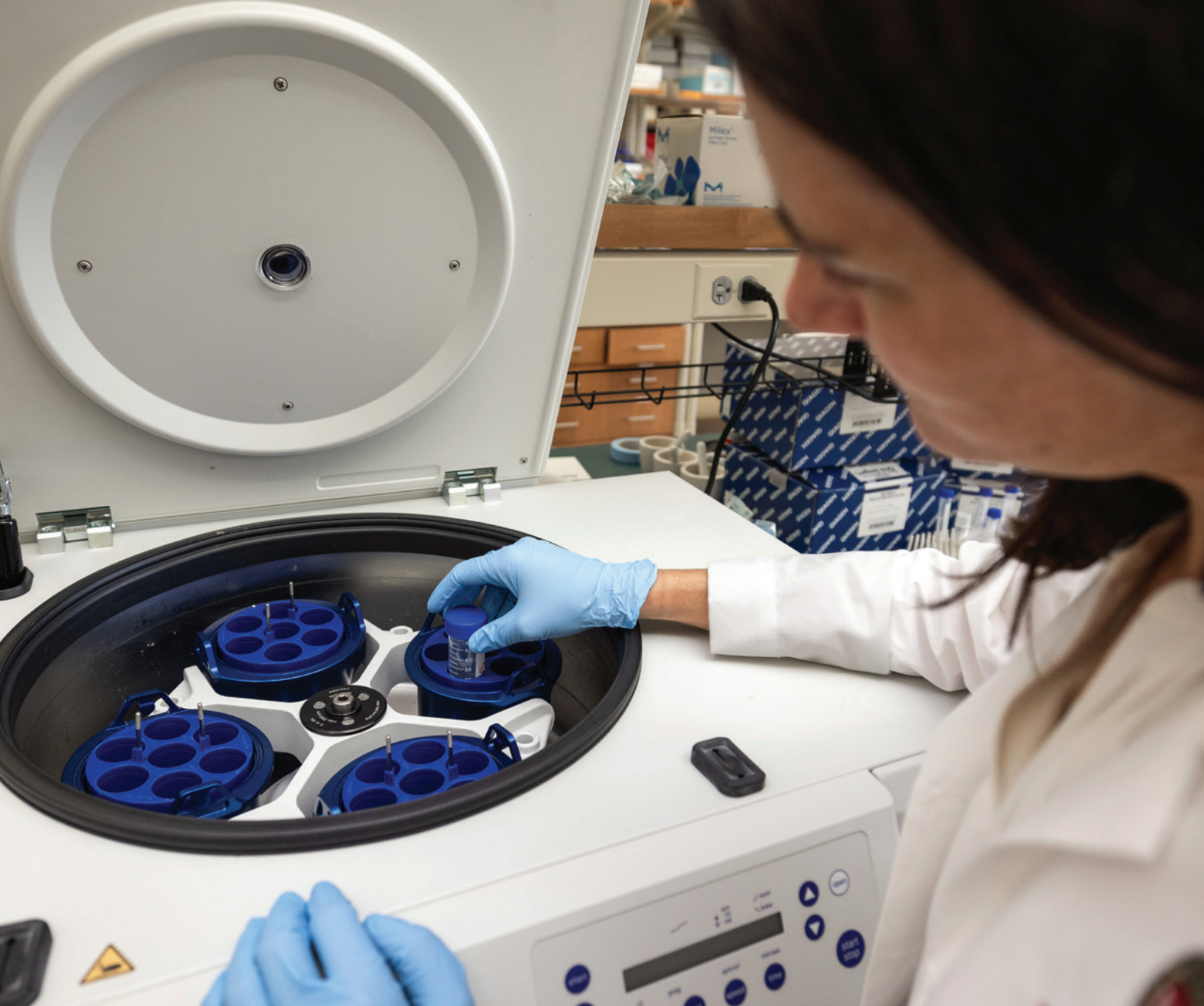
WPP currently offers a number of competitive community grant programs that support the implementation of a wide range of approaches and solutions to improving community health and reducing gaps in health outcomes:

- **Community Impact Grants** support evidence-informed community partnership initiatives that address the social determinants of health to improve health in Wisconsin's urban, rural and tribal communities. Level One grants support small to medium-sized organizations with an academic partner or academic partner-level evaluation support from WPP. Level Two grants are designed for larger organizations and require an academic partner. This year's **13 awards** focused on critical health issues including economic stability, education, health care access, literacy, mental health and social connection.

► [VIEW THE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT.](#)

- **Community Capacity Grants** support smaller and/or newer organizations in enhancing their capacity to advance their health improvement missions. This year's **9 grant recipients** are addressing topics including access to health care, early childhood development, and mental health.

► [VIEW THE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT.](#)



Driving **Novel Research and Education Initiatives**

WPP advances its mission through support of robust and innovative research and education initiatives across competitive and strategic funding mechanisms.

WPP's research investments span a broad continuum, from fundamental investigations in the basic sciences, to clinical and translational and community-engaged research aimed at bringing laboratory discoveries into clinical and community application. WPP-funded research grants support a wide range of projects to address the multitude of health challenges facing Wisconsin's patients and populations.



■ **Collaborative Health Sciences**

Program grants support a broad mix of novel basic science, clinical and translational science, community-engaged research and education initiatives led by senior investigators to target complex health problems. These grants bring together the brightest minds across disciplines to accelerate scientific discovery and advances in health. This year's **5 funded projects** are addressing postpartum pain management; cancer treatments; provider-patient communication; pulmonary fibrosis; and infection risk.

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■ **New Investigator Program grants** support early-career SMPH faculty by providing a critical foundation for generating preliminary data and securing future funding to advance their research. This year's **8 projects** focus on topics including mental health, infectious disease, cancer, maternal and child health, cells and immune response, congenital disorders and allergies and pulmonology.

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■ **The Postdoctoral Grant Program** provides career development grants to enhance and expand postdoctoral research, education and professional development for postdoctoral trainees at SMPH. In fiscal year 2026, WPP was proud to support the next generation of promising SMPH scientists through a record number of grants for **17 projects** spanning cancer biology, infectious disease, metabolic and immune health, maternal health and more.

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■ **The Opportunity Grant Program** supports time critical, new and highly innovative research and education proposals. This year's **2 awards** support [a collaboration between Madison College and SMPH to create innovative career pathways in the clinical trials workforce](#) and a project to enhance emergency health care.

■ **The Strategic Research and Education Grant Program** provides critical funding to investigators seeking to initiate or enhance novel infrastructure initiatives to improve health. This year's **4 awards** support initiatives to promote biomedical workforce training, medical education, Indigenous health and population health leadership.



Role of Reviewers

Reviewers play an integral role in determining how WPP grant funding is allocated for projects across WPP's faculty and community grant mechanisms. Reviewers evaluate grant applications and proposals and recommend what should be funded or advanced based on established criteria. WPP invites experienced community members and leaders, health and health care professionals and faculty and staff from academic institutions across Wisconsin to serve as reviewers. The make-up of reviewer panels reflects the applicant pool and may include:

- Wisconsin-based public health professionals, leaders, and community members from non-profit organizations; public and non-profit schools and districts; and local, state, or tribal government entities
- Faculty and staff from Wisconsin-based academic institutions, including technical colleges, Tribal colleges, and Universities of Wisconsin institutions

WPP values their participation, engagement and expertise.

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- ▶ [VIEW THE OUTCOME REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.](#)

A Cross-Cutting Approach to Grantmaking

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) employs a cross-cutting approach across research, education and community grant mechanisms to advance health and improve lives across Wisconsin and beyond. The following examples represent a sampling of WPP-funded projects that are addressing pressing health challenges, including, but not limited to, the following topics:

-  Addressing substance misuse and abuse
-  Advancing cancer care
-  Improving lives through statewide engagement
-  Improving metabolic health and nutrition
-  Promoting mental health and well-being
-  Strengthening Wisconsin's health workforce



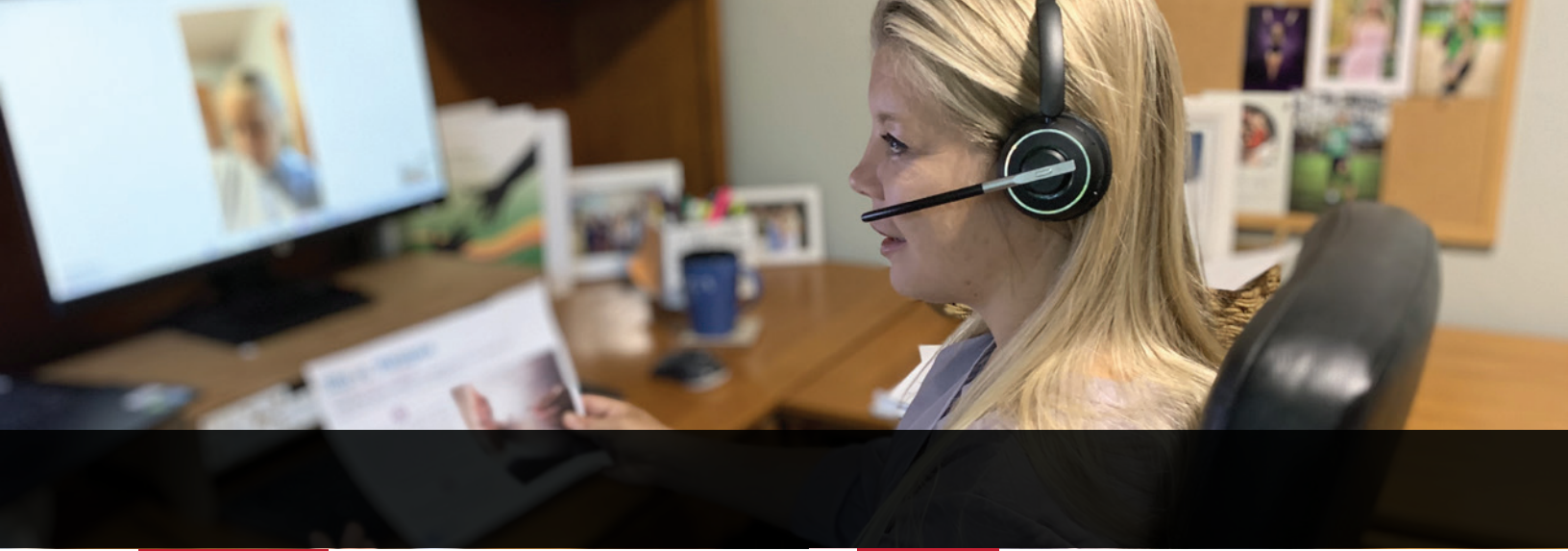
Addressing Substance Misuse and Abuse

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) supports a multifaceted approach across grant mechanisms to address substance misuse and abuse in Wisconsin. From research focused on health care delivery methods to community-led initiatives focusing on geographic and population needs; the following selected grant examples showcase the power of partnerships in providing innovative and compassionate approaches to support people across the state who have a substance use disorder. To date, WPP has put forward more than **\$8 million** for **28 projects** to address this ongoing public health challenge. These projects have impacted **37,000 individuals** across the state in all **72 counties**. The following selected grant examples highlight WPP-funded projects in this area.

Enhancing Treatment and Care in Rural Wisconsin

Many of Wisconsin's rural counties lack an opioid treatment program, and rural providers need more support to provide the needed treatment and care. To bridge this gap, collaborators from the SMPH Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Wisconsin Hospital Association, and the peer support group, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, have created an innovative and far-reaching provider training program to improve treatment and care for people struggling with substance use disorders in rural Wisconsin. To date, more than 400 health care professionals have participated in the trainings.

► [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT.](#)



Preventing Prescription Opioid Misuse

A multidisciplinary research collaboration is using a WPP grant to address the critical issue of opioid misuse among patients who are hospitalized due to serious injury and may be at risk for opioid misuse due to persistent pain. The project's goal is to strengthen prevention strategies and enhance the quality of care for patients through the implementation of a telehealth intervention tailored to an individual's risk for opioid misuse. Currently patients at UW Hospital and Milwaukee's Froedtert Hospital are participating in the intervention, and the team is seeking funding to expand to a multi-site trial across several new sites.

► [READ THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)



Expanding Mental Health and Substance Use Cessation for Wisconsin Mothers

A new pilot project, led by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, expands the statewide *First Breath* program to support the mental health of pregnant and postpartum participants working to reduce or quit substance use. From Marinette to Milwaukee to Madison, *First Breath* reaches about **1,000 people** annually across the state, over 76 percent of whom have a diagnosed mental health or perinatal mood disorder. By integrating perinatal mental health components into substance use cessation support model, the *First Breath* project's goal is to enhance outcomes in substance use reduction, perinatal mental health, and improve overall long-term maternal and child health.

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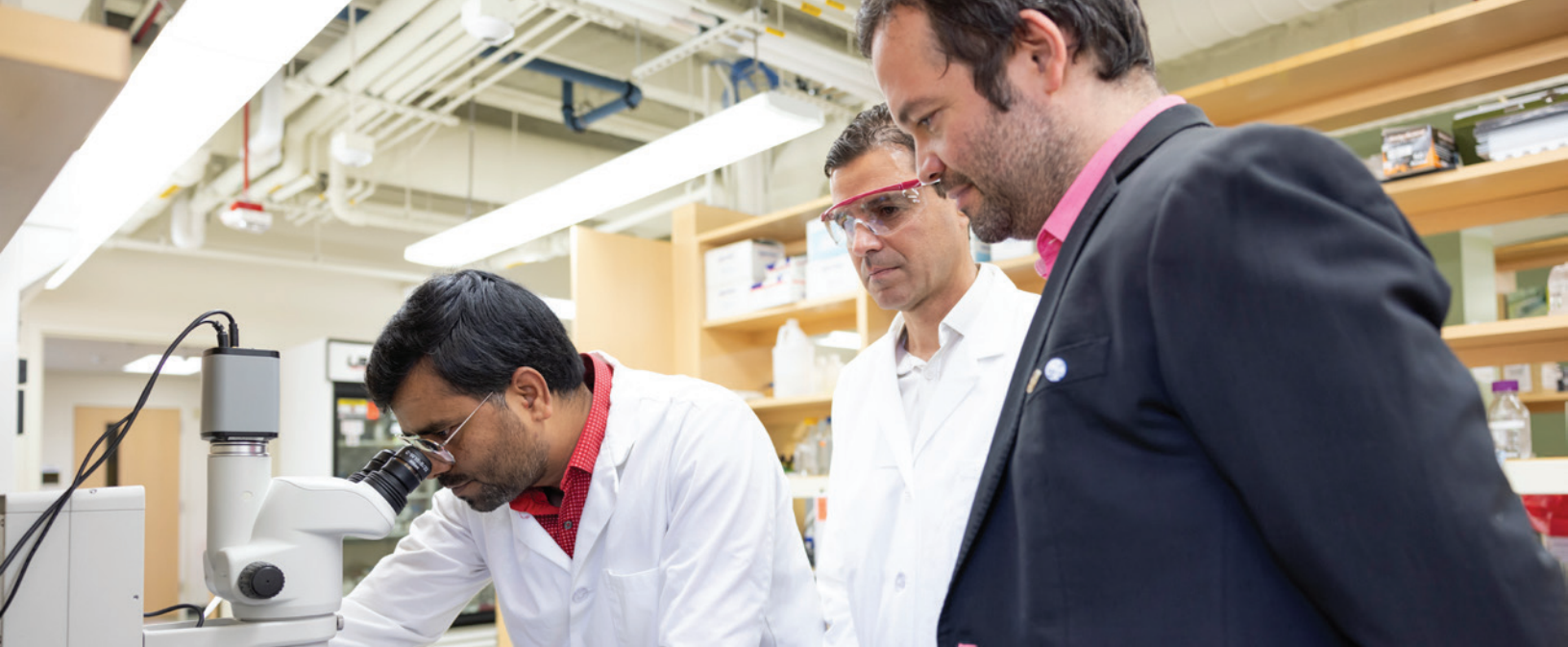


Advancing Cancer Care

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Wisconsin, affecting individuals and families in every region of the state. The Wisconsin Partnership Program continues to support work across the cancer continuum, from prevention and early diagnosis to treatment, survivorship and quality of life, aimed at improving care for patients and populations affected by a wide range of cancers, including breast, colon, lung and rarer forms.

To date, WPP has funded more than **51 projects**, totaling **\$14.3 million** to support cancer-focused research. Together, these WPP-funded grants reflect a coordinated effort to advance cutting-edge solutions that are responsive to the needs of patients and communities.

The following selected grant examples highlight the range of approaches WPP grant recipients are using to improve cancer detection, treatment and care.



Dr. Alexander Birbrair, right, leads WPP-funded research to advance treatments for melanoma, a lethal form of skin cancer.

Advancing Treatment for Melanoma

Melanoma is the most lethal form of skin cancer because of its ability to spread rapidly throughout the body. Researchers in the SMPH Department of Dermatology conducted a WPP-funded pilot project to investigate how signals from nerves within melanoma tumors affect cancer progression. Building on this work, the team recently secured a **\$2.5 million** award from the National Institutes of Health to advance their research. Their findings will contribute to the emerging field of cancer neuroscience with the potential to lead to new treatments.

► [REVIEW THE OUTCOME REPORT.](#)

Centering Quality of Life in Cancer Care

New cancer research is advancing care for individuals living with low-grade gliomas, which are incurable primary brain tumors most often diagnosed in adolescents and young adults, with a life expectancy ranging from five to fifteen years. Researchers are integrating advanced neuroimaging and molecular pathology tools to better understand how tumor growth affects neurocognitive function and quality of life. Early findings are providing insights into how brain tumors impact cognitive function over time, helping to inform more meaningful and patient-centered clinical trial endpoints.

► [WATCH THE VIDEO LINK.](#)



Dr. Rebecca Richards' WPP-funded research aims to improve treatment options for patients with an aggressive form of blood cancer.

Advancing Cancer Treatment Through Precision Medicine

A WPP-funded project is evaluating new methods for measuring key indicators of success for use of CAR T cells as targeted cancer immunotherapy to expand treatment options for patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), an aggressive cancer with low treatment response rates.

Early findings from this study are helping guide the design of more effective therapies, and the project already has catalyzed new collaborations and secured additional funding through a pilot grant.

► [REVIEW THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)



Strengthening Care Coordination

There are more than **300,000 cancer survivors** in Wisconsin, a number expected to rise significantly in the coming decade. Yet, cancer survivorship care remains fragmented. Primary care providers often face challenges coordinating with oncology teams, resulting in unmet needs and worse outcomes for underserved patients.

An SMPH postdoctoral trainee used a WPP Postdoctoral grant to conduct a statewide survey of 153 providers to identify barriers and facilitators to care coordination. The findings highlight the strategies and resources needed to better support patients throughout treatment and survivorship.

► [READ THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)

Receiving WPP funding for the POISE WI study facilitated my professional development as an independent investigator and allowed me to meaningfully contribute toward an important and unmet area — onco-primary care — within cancer survivorship care.

– Elizabeth Ver Hoeve, PhD, postdoctoral trainee,
Department of Family Medicine and Community
Health, UW School of Medicine and Public Health



Improving Lives through Statewide Engagement

Wisconsin Partnership Program grant recipients play a vital role in improving lives in Wisconsin. Researchers work to propel innovation and discovery that leads to disease prevention and treatments to help keep communities safe and healthy. Community grant recipients, along with public health and academic partners work at the local level to address issues that influence health beyond the clinic walls and help communities reduce gaps in health outcomes by overcoming barriers to health and well-being. Together their work creates nimble and responsive strategies and solutions to improve health across Wisconsin. To date, WPP's investments in this area have reached all corners of the state, with more than **\$55 million** directed to **85 projects** that address a wide range of factors that influence health, including access to nutritious food, safe housing, education and economic stability, access to health care, disease prevention, maternal and child health, social and community connection, and more.

The following are selected grant examples that highlight the range of approaches WPP grant recipients are using to improve lives through statewide engagement.



Dr. Johnny Uelman is leading a research collaboration to develop advanced ecological models to forecast tick risks across Wisconsin.

Reducing Tick-Borne Diseases in Wisconsin

A research collaboration led by SMPH Department of Population Health Sciences and Marshfield Clinic Research Institute is improving how Wisconsin predicts, prevents and responds to tick-borne diseases, which are widespread in Wisconsin. By integrating climate and environmental data, drone imagery and tick samples, the team is developing advanced models to forecast tick risks. The project is also partnering with local health departments and tribal communities to provide tick-prevention kits and educational materials. By providing timely information about local tick risks, this project plays an important role in addressing this growing public health challenge.

► [REVIEW THE SMPH STORY.](#)

Expanding Medical Respite Care for Families in Need

A new project expands the services of Just Dane's Healing House, the nation's only 24/7 medical respite shelter designed for families experiencing homelessness, to provide supportive housing to parents and children recovering after hospitalization. Through WPP funding, the Healing House will expand services to include health care education, employment support and home visiting by a community health worker. In doing so, the project aims to improve families' access to medical care, reduce hospital readmissions and positively influence longer-term housing and economic stability for families experiencing homelessness.

► [WATCH THE VIDEO.](#)



A community partnership led by Lutheran Social Services implements family coaching services to enhance school-based mental health services. Pictured left to right: Eriona Dixon, therapist; Brandon Johnson, family coach; Amanda Krzykowski, Lutheran Social Services grant lead; Monica Prado Leon, family coach.

Improving Health through Family Coaching

Lutheran Social Services and its UW-Milwaukee academic partner are leading an initiative to address the mental health crisis facing youth in Milwaukee County, most of whom live inner-city neighborhoods with a high concentration of poverty and incarceration. The partners are implementing family coaching services and community engagement as part of a school-based mental health services model. The family coach plays a vital role in helping families address factors that influence health and educational outcomes such as housing, food security and transportation. With the support of a WPP community grant, the project has already served **11 Milwaukee schools** and provided coaching to **240 children and families**.

► [READ THE STORY.](#)



Building Capacity for Wisconsin Nonprofits

WPP community capacity grants are designed to help smaller or newer organizations work more efficiently and effectively through access to capacity-building resources, infrastructure or training. Several successful projects, including Sauk County-based [6:8, Inc.](#) and Milwaukee's [Mom's Mental Health Initiative](#) used their WPP Community Capacity grant funding to update and streamline their donor and volunteer development strategies and infrastructure to advance their respective goals of reducing poverty and providing mental health supports.



The software upgrade at 6:8, Inc. supported through the WPP grant has given us many tools to make my job easier. From automating our fundraising tasks to managing volunteer hours, it allows me to have the space I need in my day to invest in the people we serve.

– 6:8 Inc. staff member



A team of scientists, led by Dr. Andrea Galmozzi, center, is studying a molecular pathway that may hold potential for treating diabetes and obesity. See the project highlight on page 30.

Improving Metabolic Health and Nutrition

From green houses to school districts, and farms to research laboratories, Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) grant recipients are improving health by promoting nutrition and food security and exploring innovative approaches to addressing the chronic health challenges of obesity and diabetes. To date WPP has directed more than **\$20 million** for 61 community health initiatives and research projects, including the following selected examples, to improve metabolic health and promote access to nutritious food for children, families and communities across Wisconsin.



Nourishing Wisconsin Families

As many as 142,000 children in Wisconsin have faced food insecurity in a given year.¹ In northern rural Wisconsin, Marshfield Clinic Health System and UW-Stevens Point are leading a WPP-funded community-academic partnership to address this issue across six counties. By partnering with multiple after school programs and connecting families to local resources, the project has reached more than **4500 youth and families**, ensuring reliable food access and a greater understanding of healthy eating habits.

► [REVIEW THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)



Targeting Obesity Through Research

The incidence of obesity has rapidly increased in Wisconsin and across the United States, and more than 65 percent of adults are overweight and at increased risk for severe diseases including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer. With WPP funding, SMPH researchers in the Department of Medicine are studying a molecular pathway that could promote calorie burning and improve metabolic health. The findings, which were recently published, may lead to new treatments for diabetes and obesity.

► [READ THE SMPH STORY.](#)

Our WPP-funded project had a substantial positive impact on the skills and knowledge of youth, families and community members across six counties. Over 4500 children participated in hands-on nutrition education, cooking classes, gardening programs and other food-based learning experiences.

- Jill Niemczyk, Marshfield Clinic, Center for Community Health Advancement

1. Feeding America. 2021. "Food Insecurity among Child (<18 years) Population in Wisconsin. Retrieved: 8/30/2023. (<https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2021/child/wisconsin>)



Ukwakhwa (Our Foods) is using a WPP grant to promote health through traditional food practices; Pictured left to right: Giselle Oliva-Metoxen, Ukwakhwa; Chef Elena Terry; Steve Webster, Ukwakhwa.

Promoting Health Through Indigenous Food Practices

Wisconsin tribal communities are advancing community health by promoting healthy traditional food practices. In the Oneida Nation, a WPP grant supports an Indigenous culinary partnership focused on modern food education and traditional foods. Another initiative is developing a model of programming that promotes traditional food and agriculture as a comprehensive approach to improving health. In the Menominee Nation, a WPP grant increased inter-tribal capacity among native farmers and food banks and launched the Tribal Elder Food Box program, now considered a national model for addressing hunger. Together, these projects have provided more than **81,000 meals**.

► [REVIEW THE INDIGENOUS FOOD STORIES.](#)



Drs. Jacob Brunkard and Dudley Lamming are exploring new sources of plant-based foods to help reduce the risk of diabetes and obesity.

Engineering a Healthier Calorie

UW–Madison researchers and metabolism experts are leveraging plant genetics to address Wisconsin’s twin public health epidemics of diabetes and obesity. The cross-disciplinary collaboration funded by WPP is developing a source of plant-based foods that will reduce dietary intake of certain nutrients associated with obesity. Their findings could inform future studies that help farmers grow crops that result in foods that reduce the risk of diabetes and obesity.

► [REVIEW THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)



Dr. Shiri Rapaely, center, is collaborating with Dr. Jacob Meyer, School of Education and community partner Emilie Pinkowitz on a project to promote health and well-being for young people living with severe mental illness. See the project highlight on page 38.

Promoting Mental Health and Well-being

Prevention, early intervention and treatment are vital approaches to addressing mental health challenges facing youth and adults in Wisconsin, where prevalence rates for mental health issues, including suicide, are slightly above national rates. To date, the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) has directed **\$14 million** for **55 projects** to Wisconsin community and public health organizations and SMPH researchers to support a wide range of approaches, including the following grant examples, that address mental illness and foster resilience, hope and well-being for communities and populations throughout the state.



Chris Frakes, senior director, SWCAP and Dan Wegmueller, farmer operator from Monroe, Wisconsin and Farm Well community partner.

Fostering Resilience in Wisconsin's Farming Community

Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program (SWCAP) and its UW-Madison academic partners are building resources and connection to address the unique mental health challenges facing Wisconsin farmers, who are twice as likely to die by suicide than the general public. The grant team created Farm Well Wisconsin and developed a supportive network of resources to address farm stress and promote farmer well-being. Since 2025, Farm Well's outreach efforts have reached more than **1200 participants** in southwestern Wisconsin's farming communities and are creating lasting change in how to talk about and address the stressors and mental health needs of Wisconsin's farmers.

► [READ OPENING UP ABOUT FARMERS MENTAL HEALTH.](#)



Addressing PTSD in Wisconsin Correctional Settings

Psychiatrists at SMPH partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) to research the feasibility of delivering group therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the correctional setting, where the percentage of people with PTSD is about five times higher than in the general public. The project provided training for DOC psychologists to deliver cognitive processing therapy (CPT), a specific behavioral intervention used to treat PTSD. The project's success has led to \$850,000 in external funding to expand group PTSD treatment in six Wisconsin correctional facilities and treat over **600 incarcerated individuals**.

► [READ THE STORY.](#)

We talk a lot about the ripple effect. If you help one person get unstuck in their recovery from trauma, it affects their relationships with their family and children, with other facility residents and staff, and with other people in the community when they come home.

- Michael Koenigs, PhD, professor, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Department of Psychiatry



Enhancing Child Well-being in Winnebago County

An innovative new community academic partnership between Winnebago County and UW-Oshkosh is embedding community health workers in two local schools. The initiative connects families facing economic hardship with resources such as food, housing and transportation support. In doing so, the project seeks to reduce families' stress, provide culturally responsive, trauma-informed care and engage parents, teachers and community partners, with the ultimate goal of enhancing student well-being, academic achievement and family stability.

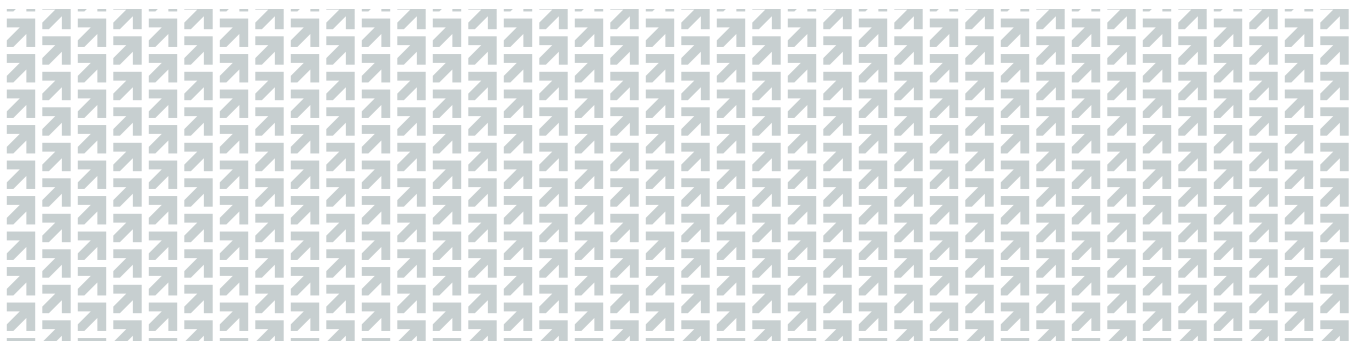
► [READ THE UW OSHKOSH STORY.](#)



Improving Social Cohesion for Autistic Youth

Milwaukee-based Islands of Brilliance and its academic partner at UW-Milwaukee School of Nursing are leading a project to promote the mental health and well-being of neurodivergent students in Milwaukee through creative technology programs designed to enhance social cohesion and community connection, a key determinant of mental and physical health and well-being. The creative technology platform and digital tools help students build confidence, friendship and a stronger sense of belonging. The grantee's goal is to evaluate and refine the project for future dissemination and scale across other Wisconsin schools.

► [REVIEW THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)

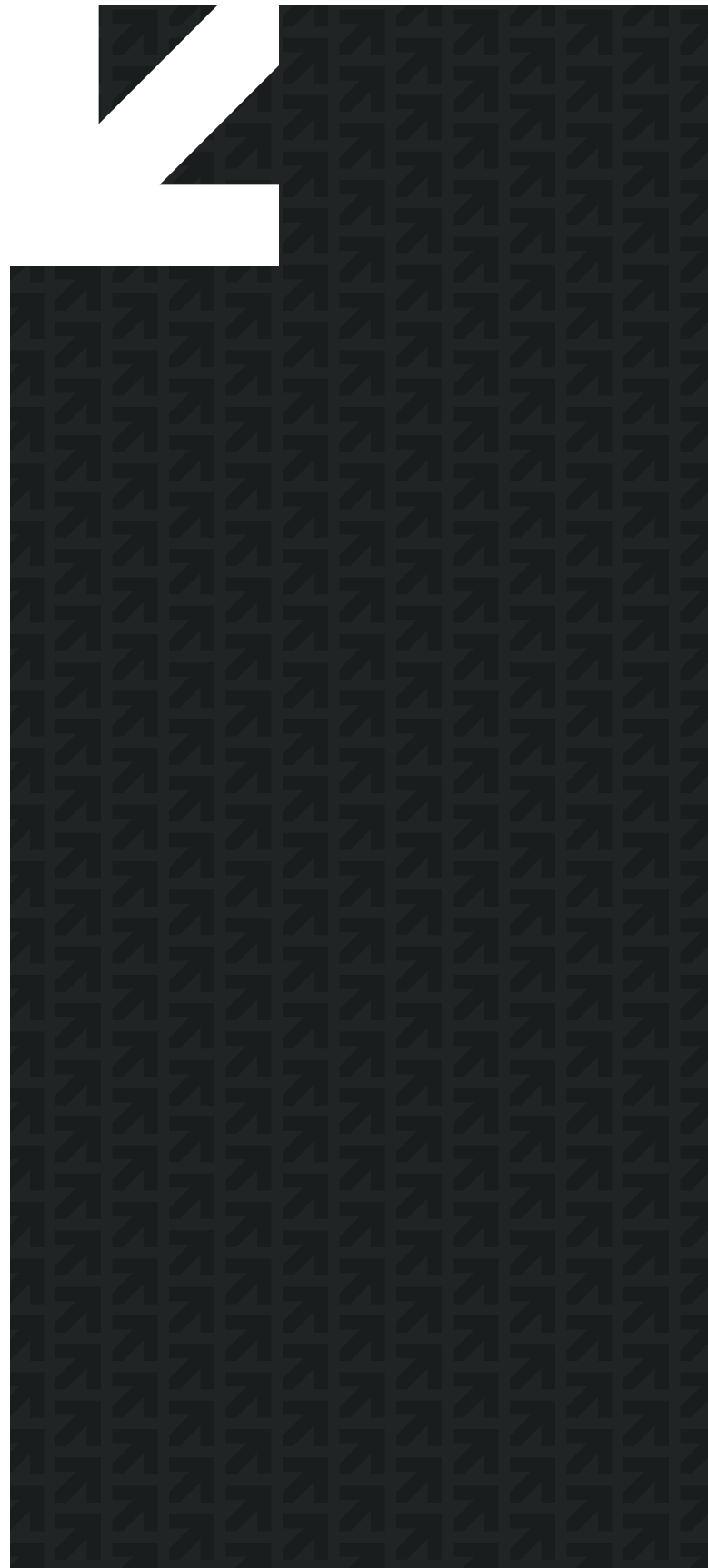




Improving Health for Young People Experiencing Severe Mental Illness

People living with severe mental illness such as schizophrenia may die 15-20 years earlier than the general population, often due to preventable conditions like heart disease and diabetes. An innovative research project aims to improve physical and mental health outcomes for young people experiencing severe mental illness by adapting and piloting an integrated exercise and lifestyle program. By developing a culturally appropriate program focused on physical activity, metabolic monitoring and wellness skills, this project will support young people at the most vulnerable stage of illness, when interventions are most impactful.

► [READ THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.](#)





SMPH medical students participate in a training activity.

Strengthening Wisconsin's Health Workforce

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) has a strong legacy of impactful investments in transformative education and workforce development initiatives that prepare future physicians and public health leaders and build the next generation of Wisconsin's health workforce. Through investments in rural medicine training, medical education innovations, public health leadership, and innovative education pathways, including those described in the following selected grant examples, WPP has provided **\$63.9 million in 96 awards** integral to meeting Wisconsin's critical health workforce needs.



Madison College instructor and student (photo courtesy of Madison College).

Expanding Education and Training Pathways in Clinical Research

A new collaboration between faculty at SMPH and Madison College is creating an innovative educational model to train, sustain and grow Wisconsin's community-engaged, clinical trials workforce. Through strong collaboration with educational institutions, industry leaders and community organizations, this project will create accessible pathways and opportunities for individuals without bachelor's degrees across Wisconsin communities to enter the state's health workforce and help propel future medical advances and treatments made possible through clinical trials.

► [WATCH THE VIDEO.](#)

Expanding Medical Career Pathways in Rural Wisconsin

North Central Wisconsin Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Inc. and UW-Stevens Point academic partner are using a WPP grant to expand access to medical career pathways for students, such as those from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who often face barriers to enrolling in medical school. Through advising, clinical shadowing, exam preparation, and more, program participants across North Central Wisconsin are increasing their readiness and competitiveness to matriculate to medical school, and ultimately become part of the physician workforce.

► [REVIEW THE FUNDED PROJECTS PAGE.](#)



A new WPP-funded project prepares the next generation of biomedical innovators and health care leaders.

Training the Future Leaders of the Wisconsin Biomedical Workforce

A new strategic education grant from WPP supports an innovative biomedical workforce development project. In partnership with the SMPH Master of Science in Biotechnology program and the Wisconsin BioHealth Tech Hub, this project provides one-year fellowships for three first-year PhD students each year to prepare them to join Wisconsin's biomedical research workforce. By integrating career exploration and industry engagement into doctoral training, learners will be equipped with the skills, experience and networks needed to serve and lead Wisconsin's biomedical research workforce.

► [READ THE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT.](#)

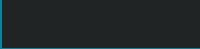


Creating Health Profession Pathways with Native Communities

The SMPH Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP) is employing a strategic multi-pronged approach to promote Indigenous health through addressing the critical shortage of health professionals serving tribal communities. With WPP support, NACHP provides pre-college and college pathway programs that promote interest in health careers; opportunities for medical residents, fellows and faculty to engage in Indigenous health; and expanded tribal clinic rotations to residents and fellows. To date, NACHP has engaged 170 students in pre-college and college pathway programs and 14 scholars through its residency and fellowship opportunities.

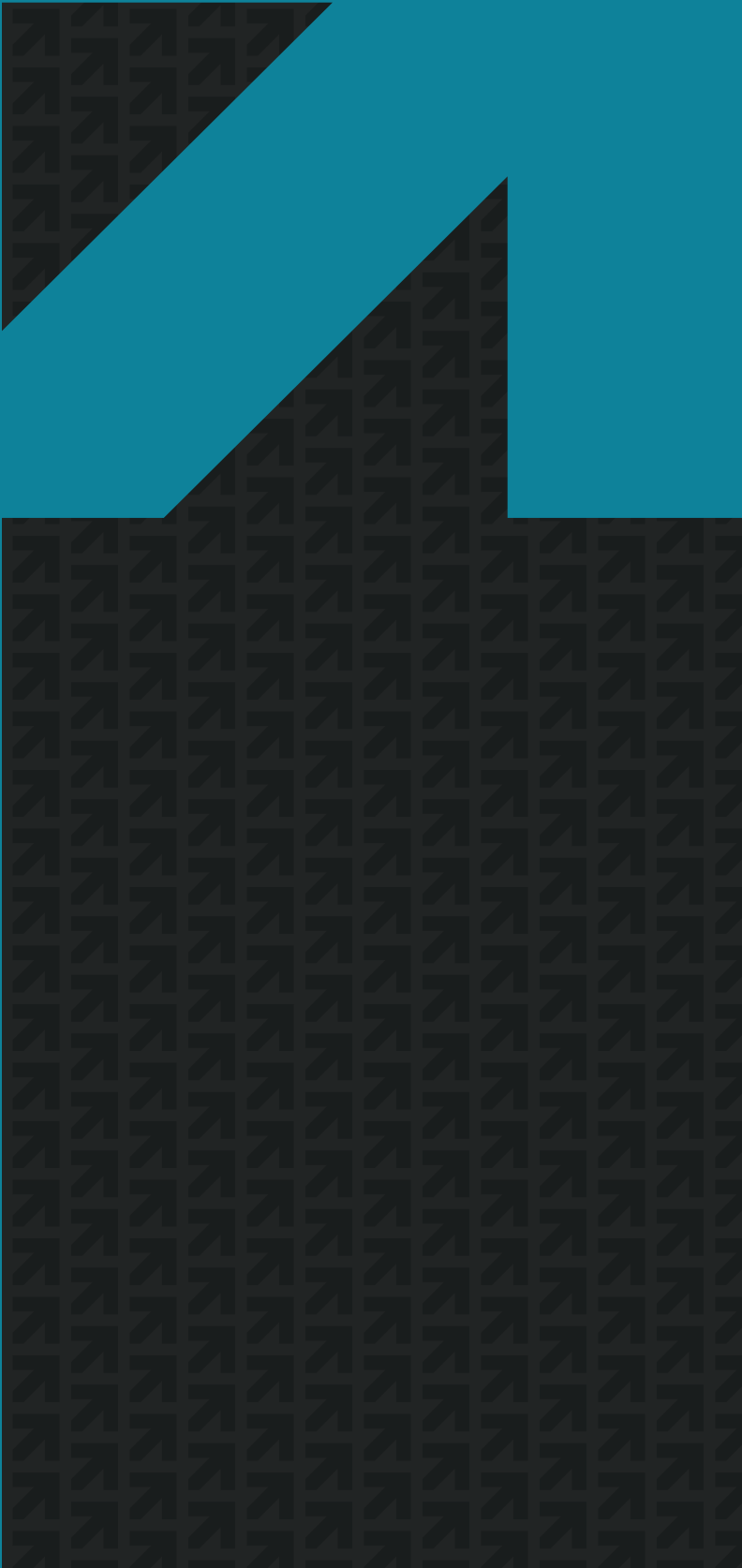
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Monae Waukau, a nurse at the Menominee Tribal Clinic, shares knowledge with a student during a NACHP education event.



Evaluation and Impact

Evaluation is a key component of the Wisconsin Partnership Program's (WPP) work and enables WPP to demonstrate how its support facilitates the work of grantees. In addition, evaluation support provided directly to grantees by WPP helps grant recipients secure future funding and ensure sustainability of their work.



Understanding WPP's Impact

WPP evaluators draw on data from multiple data sources to better understand the impact of WPP funding on the health and well-being of people across the state of Wisconsin while also enabling review and improvement of internal processes and procedures to best support applicants, grantees and others.

The data used for WPP evaluation cross several thematic areas. Examples include:

- **Sustainability measures:** leveraged funding from external funders; organizational changes that enable the work to be sustained
- **Knowledge-sharing measures:** dissemination of information about the work through academic publications and other media
- **Reach and impact measures:** grantees collect their projects' health impact measures and share with WPP as part of their reporting process
- **Quality and process improvement measures:** grantee feedback on events and grant programming

Grantee Evaluation Support

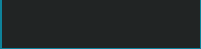
Program evaluation is necessary for grant recipients to understand and improve upon their projects as they progress, while also helping to provide data that will allow for their work to be expanded or sustained. WPP evaluators provide a significant level of support to community organizations funded through WPP's Community Impact Level One grant program. In Fiscal Year 2026, this support included:

- Research and data assistance
- Review of survey tools
- Routine check-ins for monitoring the progress of program evaluation
- Troubleshooting issues with evaluation data collection as they arose

Reporting Progress and Outcomes

In accordance with WPP policies, grant recipients provide annual written progress reports for their WPP projects, referencing progress toward the specific goals and objectives. Upon the conclusion of the grant period, grantees provide a final report on work completed, and outcomes and accomplishments.

WPP staff review these reports and provide final outcome reports, highlighting key outcomes and impact, which are published on the [WPP website's Funded Projects page](#).



Convening and Capacity- Building

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) employs a strategic framework which guides its approach to convening and capacity-building and reflects a commitment to providing potential applicants and current grantees with learning, skill-building and networking opportunities through both in-person and virtual events.

In fiscal year 2026, WPP hosted a combination of in-person and virtual events, reaching a total of more than **300 individuals** across Wisconsin communities and campuses. WPP promoted funding opportunities for both community and faculty grant applicants through these events. Grant partners from across Wisconsin including Forest County Potawatomi; Marshfield Clinic and UW-Stevens Point; Winnebago County and UW-Oshkosh; and others, shared their work through these events. WPP also provides opportunities for grantees to learn and network through Learning Collaboratives and

other events that focus on skill-building topics such as media relations and grant writing.

In addition, WPP staff participated in statewide and campus conferences and events to promote awareness and interest in WPP's mission and funding opportunities.





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Financial Overview

The financial resources that support the Wisconsin Partnership Program grants were provided by the conversion of Blue Cross 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 UW 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 Investment Portfolio (EIP). The primary investment objective of the EIP 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.

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WFAA Institutional Advancement Fee

WFAA assesses an Institutional Advancement Fee (IAF) on all funds participating in the EIP, including Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 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 WPP. Effective July 1, 2024, WFAA lowered the IAF from 1.0% to 0.9%. The IAF for fiscal year 2026 and 2025 was \$4,248,104 and \$3,879,977, respectively, and is shown under expenses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets on page 51.

WFAA decreases the IAF by 30 basis points on cumulative fund amounts above \$250 million per qualified relationship. WPP 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 \$666,035 and \$543,326 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and 2025, 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, 2026. Any subsequent modifications to grant awards are recorded as adjustments of grant expenses in the year the adjustment occurs.

Net Assets

Temporarily Restricted: funds consist of interest and investment income earned by the funds invested in the STIP or EIP at WFAA and the cumulative net gains or losses related to the permanently restricted funds that are invested within the EIP. 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 EIP of the Foundation and the corpus is not available to support program expenditures.

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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 20, 2025. 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 UW School of Medicine and Public Health Chief Financial Officer (date TBD), the Dean of the UW 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 (date TBD) 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 2026 and June 2025.

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	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2025
ASSETS		
UW SMPH Cash	\$ (2,132,734)	\$ (1,711,857)
Current Investments	18,994,741	16,221,532
Noncurrent Investments	498,268,038	464,115,604
Total Assets	515,130,045	478,625,279
LIABILITIES		
OAC Grants Payable	12,033,681	11,503,861
PERC Grants Payable	19,270,066	20,847,974
Total Liabilities	31,303,747	32,351,835
NET ASSETS		
Temporarily Restricted	200,210,031	162,657,177
Permanently Restricted	283,616,267	283,616,267
Total Net Assets	483,826,298	446,273,444
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 515,130,045	\$ 478,625,279

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	Year Ended June 30, 2026	Year Ended June 30, 2025
REVENUES		
Interest Income	\$ 417,732	\$ 408,942
Change in Fair Value of Endowed Funds	55,695,754	64,312,752
Total Revenues	56,113,486	64,721,694
EXPENSES		
WFAA Institutional Advancement Fee	4,248,104	3,879,977
Less: WFAA IAF Rebate	(666,035)	(543,326)
OAC Initiatives		
Administrative Expenses	721,483	650,008
Grant Expenses	5,138,570	2,432,143
PERC Initiatives		
Administrative Expenses	1,339,897	1,207,157
Grant Expenses	7,778,613	16,521,102
Total Expenses	18,560,632	24,147,061
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	37,552,854	40,574,633
Net Assets - Beginning of year	446,273,444	405,698,811
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 483,826,298	\$ 446,273,444

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GRANT AWARD COMMITMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Net Grant Awards*	Inception to date Disbursements	Outstanding Grant Commitments
PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES			
Grants awarded from Inception to FY2025	\$ 108,724,825	\$ 102,326,499	\$ 6,398,326
FY2026 Awards	5,740,442	105,087	5,635,355
Subtotal	114,465,267	102,431,586	12,033,681
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INITIATIVES			
Grants awarded from Inception to FY2025	\$ 199,808,689	\$ 188,087,089	\$ 11,721,600
FY2026 Awards	8,515,795	967,329	7,548,466
Subtotal	208,324,484	189,054,418	19,270,066
TOTAL	\$ 322,789,751	\$ 291,486,004	\$ 31,303,747

* Reflects grants awarded less any lapsed awards returned to the Wisconsin Partnership Program

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

	FY2026	FY2025
BALANCE, JULY 1	\$ (1,711,857)	\$ (1,296,427)
CASH RECEIPTS		
Payments received from the UW Foundation	15,605,774	14,834,383
Total Receipts	15,605,774	14,834,383
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Public Health Initiatives	4,608,750	5,950,706
Medical Education and Research Initiatives	9,356,521	7,441,942
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries	1,416,697	1,192,655
Fringe Benefits	480,427	419,216
Travel	42,617	15,936
Supplies and Services	5,233	89,016
Consultants and Contracts	94,951	123,754
Other Disbursements	21,455	16,588
Total Program Administration	2,061,380	1,857,165
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	16,026,651	15,249,813
Increase (Decrease) In Balance	(420,877)	(415,430)
BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ (2,132,734)	\$ (1,711,857)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) 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 and University of Wisconsin System and UW–Madison policies.

OAC and PERC follow standard Request for Proposal guidelines, requirements, multistep review processes and selection criteria throughout the grantmaking process. WPP provides annual policy notifications as well as the resources and tools needed for applicants and grantees to develop and implement projects. In addition, WPP evaluates the progress and outcomes of funded grants using annual and final reports, financial reports, presentations and site visits.

As part of UW-Madison and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, WPP is committed to social impact and belonging. These are integral to WPP's mission to serve the public health needs of Wisconsin and to reduce gaps in health outcomes through community partnerships, education and research. This commitment ensures that broad perspectives are represented within WPP's goals, strategies and processes as the program advances this mission in communities across Wisconsin.

The WPP requires grant recipients to comply with relevant non-discrimination laws and statutes through applicant attestations and their memorandums of understanding.

Open Meetings and Public Records

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

WPP Program and Financial Audits

In accordance with the Order of the Commissioner of Insurance, WPP obtains a program and financial audit every five years.

The latest audit engagements covering the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023 were conducted by independent accounting firm Baker Tilly, US, LLP. The audit standards, specifications and selection of Baker Tilly, US, LLP were all approved by the Commissioner of Insurance. The UW School of Medicine and Public Health was pleased with the results. There were no findings, recommendations or exceptions noted. The program (Agreed Upon Procedures) and financial statement audit reports were shared with the UW System Board of Regents in February 2025.

► [REVIEW THE WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM RESOURCES AND POLICIES.](#)



WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) is governed by two committees composed of community members and SMPH faculty members. One member of the Board of Regents and a representative of the UW–Madison Office of the Chancellor also serve as liaisons to WPP.

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.

The primary responsibilities of 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 community health advocates
- Offer comment and advice on the PERC's grant allocations

Community Health Appointees

Gregory Nycz

CEO, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.

Aaron Perry

OAC Secretary

CEO and Founder, Rebalanced-Life Wellness Association

Sue Smith, RN, MSN, CPM

OAC Vice-Chair

Director and Health Officer, Wood County Health Department

Kirstie Yu

Program Training Specialist, Wisconsin Primary Care Association

Insurance Commissioner's Appointee

Coral Manning

Senior Policy Advisor

Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

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Jon Audhya, PhD

Vice Dean for Research

Elizabeth Felton, MD, PhD

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Amy Kind, MD, PhD

Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership Program

Associate Dean for Social Health Sciences and Programs

Manish Shah, MD, MPH

OAC Chair

Professor and Chair, Berbee Walsh Department of Emergency Medicine

The Azita G. Hamedani Distinguished Chair of Emergency Medicine

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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 PERC are to:

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

SMPH Leadership

Jon Audhya, PhD

PERC Chair

Vice Dean for Research

Amy Kind, MD, PhD

Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership Program

Associate Dean for Social Health Sciences and Programs

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Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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Richard Keller, PhD

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John Williams, MD

Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics

John E. Jr. and Louise A. Gonce Chair in Pediatrics

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Associate Professor, Department of Medical Genetics

Ryan Collier, MD, MPH

Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Division Chief, Division of Hospital Medicine and Complex Care

Thomas Grist, MD

Professor, Department of Radiology

Christina Hull, PhD

Professor, Departments of Biomolecular Chemistry and Medical Microbiology and Immunology

Yao Liu, MD, MS

Associate Professor and William and Phyllis Huffman Research Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Shigeki Miyamoto, PhD *

Professor, Department of Oncology

* Term ended during Fiscal Year 2026

Oversight and Advisory Committee Appointees

Greg Nycz

OAC Community Health Advocate

CEO, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.

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UW–Madison Office of the Chancellor Liaison

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