

Program #40053 - Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 3/2/2021

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 40006, 40060, 40037
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) aims to end chronic disease and related racial/ethnic health disparities within the Black/African American/African immigrant and refugee communities by ensuring opportunities to realize optimal health potential. REACH programming values a culture- and strength-based approach, relying on community wisdom to implement culturally tailored interventions that address root causes of health inequities and preventable risk behaviors through communications, policy, systems, and environmental change strategies in partnership with community.

Program Summary

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) uses culturally specific and cross-cultural approaches that combine the community-identified priorities and CDC-funded communication, policy, system, and environmental change strategies focused on reducing chronic disease in local African American/Black communities, including African immigrants and refugees. REACH continues to be a foundational component to the Public Health Division’s commitment to equity by addressing the ways that societal conditions, built environment, and systems and policies create health disparities among racial and ethnic populations. REACH has three current areas of focus: nutrition, physical activity, and community-clinical linkages. Nutrition programming increases the number of community settings offering healthy food, retail access to healthy food through innovative procurement practices, and community support for breastfeeding. Physical activity programming increases the number of safe, desirable locations for physical activity, including active transportation, and increases the number people with access to them. Community-clinical linkage programming increases the use of health and community programs, including referrals to these resources; expands the use of health professionals, such as community health workers; and improves quality of service delivery and experience of care. Together, these program areas work to redress social determinant of health challenges and barriers and improve the overall health of neighborhoods throughout Multnomah County.

REACH uses social determinant, health behavior, disease prevalence, mortality, and a variety of other data to monitor the well-documented chronic disease health disparities experienced by the Black/African American/African communities and plan responsive strategies. Community-voiced data on lived experience is especially valued and incorporated into planning, especially given the limitations of institutional data, such as not disaggregating data for Black immigrants/refugees. REACH is steered by its multi-sectoral community advisory committee, the ACHIEVE Coalition. REACH and its partners regularly hold focus groups, community webinars, and events to gather community concerns.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	# of policy, systems and environment strategies implemented	15	25	25	25
Outcome	# of Black/African American/African Immigrants reached through policy, systems and environment changes	2,500	4,000	5,000	4,000
Output	# of settings implementing policy, systems and environment strategies	10	20	25	20

Performance Measures Descriptions

Performance Measures 1 and 3 are for settings that are occupied by Black/African American/African Immigrant communities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$343,598	\$381,566	\$304,671	\$425,010
Contractual Services	\$76,720	\$317,345	\$140,000	\$347,195
Materials & Supplies	\$24,171	\$48,445	\$0	\$1,162
Internal Services	\$83,746	\$44,644	\$83,746	\$94,968
Total GF/non-GF	\$528,235	\$792,000	\$528,417	\$868,335
Program Total:	\$1,320,235		\$1,396,752	
Program FTE	2.50	3.00	2.10	3.40

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$792,000	\$0	\$868,335
Total Revenue	\$0	\$792,000	\$0	\$868,335

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$56,612 in indirect revenues.
 \$ 868,335 - REACH Federal fund

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 40053 Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health

COVID-19-Related Impacts: In FY21, REACH/ACHIEVE community partners (both formal and informal) were delayed or unable to complete original work plan deliverables and activities due to supporting COVID-19 response and/or COVID-19 restrictions. Some original scopes of work in work plans and contracts were redirected to provide COVID-19 support, response, and recovery to address the immediate needs and concerns of the community.