

**Merrick House
Executive Summary**

Background/Purpose:

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into one or more contracts with Merrick House to provide services to high-risk pregnant women and their families to decrease infant mortality.

MomsFirst is a program designed to reduce disparities in infant mortality in the City of Cleveland utilizing three approaches: 1) improve women's health, 2) improve family health and wellness, and promote systems change. All high risk City of Cleveland pregnant women are eligible for enrollment into the program.

Goals:

- Reduce infant deaths, low birth weight and very low birth weight births among program participants.
- Improve access to quality health care and services.
- Build healthy communities.
- Improve health equity.

Accomplishments:

- MomsFirst has been successful in decreasing infant mortality by taking a leadership role in creating an integrated support system for pregnant and parenting women and their families.
- MomsFirst Community Health Workers served 1,427 participants and their families and made 8,637 home visits in 2018.
- MomsFirst's infant mortality rate was 5.6 in 2018 as compared to the city of Cleveland rate of 11.3.

Contract Amount: \$242,864

Term: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Funding Source: 2020 General Fund

EXPANDED PRENATAL SERVICES BUDGET

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Merrick House will provide MomsFirst services to the entire west side of Cleveland, maintaining a minimum caseload capacity of 130 pregnant and parenting women. These families are followed until the child reaches 18 months.

Four Community Health Workers under the supervision of a Case Manager would conduct outreach and home visiting to enrolled families providing health education, screening and referral.

TOTAL:

\$242,864.00