

**Cleveland Office of Minority Health
Background/Purpose**

This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Health to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health (OCMH) to continue operations of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health and to enter into contracts to fulfill the obligations of the office as expressed in its grant applications.

This legislation also authorizes the Director of Public Health to accept any additional funds that may become available, broadening the scope of the Office of Minority Health service. The Director of Public Health enters into contracts as needed to implement the grant as described in the file.

The OCMH announced the availability of funds to support grants for the continuation of local offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Summit County, Toledo and Youngstown. The OCMH requirement is to establish each local office in a local health department. Funding eligibility is limited to City/Combined Health Districts. The Commission accepts one applicant per city.

Mission:

The Cleveland Office of Minority Health (COMH) is a project of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. Councilman Kevin Conwell introduced legislation in 2007, formally establishing the office by City ordinance. The work of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health, as required by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, includes the following to reduce health disparities:

- Monitoring and reporting the health status of minority populations
- Informing, educating, and empowering people
- Mobilizing community partnerships and actions
- Developing policies and plans to support health efforts

The purpose of the office is to advance health equity and work collaboratively with community partners to reduce health disparities among minoritized and marginalized populations, including but not limited to, African Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, Asians, Native Americans, persons living in poverty and the LGBTIA+ communities.

The local offices of minority health work on emerging local issues such as infant mortality, food insecurity, lead poisoning, and air quality. By working with public and private partners, the Cleveland Department of Public Health creates a synergistic impact to negating health disparities in the community. Moreover, this approach promotes and advances the health equity agenda of the Cleveland Department of Public Health.

The Director collaborates with internal programs and offices to advance the work of the local office and leverage COMH resources to support ongoing community efforts.

Grant Amount: **\$52,500 each year**

Term:

Funding Source: July 1, 2025– June 30, 2027

Ohio Commission on Minority Health

SFY 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Service Information:

Total Numbers SFY-2024-2025 (Q3)
Participated in 29 Community Events
Social Media Reach: 47,044
CDPH/OMH Website Users: 53,047
Total Persons Reached: 83,043

Service Highlights:

Community outreach engagements to promote, educate and empower individuals in the areas of chronic disease, health equity and minority health

Create community asset maps

Health equity and minority health messaging through radio advertisements with Burten, Bell, Carr, Inc. and Radio One

Health equity and minority health messaging through billboard and digital display advertisements with Lamar Advertising

Mobile unit health clinics

Minority health and resource update with the Office of Prevention, Intervention and Youth Opportunity Social Support Staff

Resident-level minority health and resource update at City of Cleveland recreation centers

Community physical activity programming through the meditative practice of Qi Gong

Minority health and resource update with Cleveland Clinic Foundation Physicians

Minority health and resource update with MomsFirst' Cleveland Infant Vitality Community Consortium (CIVCC)

Serves on Executive and Community Engagement Committees of the Racism as a Public Health Crisis Coalition

Provided community education sessions on health disparity, equity and chronic disease and public health issues to school, medical and community groups including the following:

- City of Cleveland Recreation Center Managers and Staff
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation Physicians
- Cleveland Residential Groups
- University Hospitals Community Advisory Board
- MomsFirst' Cleveland Infant Vitality Community Consortium (CIVCC)

Major Collaborations/Committee Work:

City of Cleveland Equity Advisory Group

City of Cleveland Interdepartmental Equity Team

Inside Edge Consulting Group

Minority Health Alliance

MomsFirst' Cleveland Infant Vitality Community Consortium (CIVCC)

Office of Minority Health (OMH) Advisory Committee

OMH Sustainability Committee

Racism as a Public Health Crisis Coalition (RAPHC-C) Executive Committee

Wellness Works!

Policy Initiatives:

In SFY 2025, the Cleveland Office of Minority Health supported the following policy initiatives:

Executive Order 2024-03- Accelerating Progress Toward Fewer Lead Poisonings

City Ordinance No. 425-2025- Lead Investigations Public Health

One-hundred percent (100%) of staff required to receive annual Racial Equity training (CDPH Strategic Plan)

**CLEVELAND OFFICE OF MINORITY
HEALTH BUDGET SFY 2025-2026**

Budget Category	Total Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Section I					
Personnel (Salaries and fringes)	-	-	-	-	-
Section II					
Travel	\$3660.80	\$915.20	\$915.20	\$915.20	\$915.20
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies, Contracts, Other	\$41,036.20	\$10,259.05	10,259.05	10,259.05	\$10,259.05
Minority Health Month					
Administrative Costs	\$7,803.00	\$1,950.75	\$1,950.75	\$1,950.75	\$1,950.75
Total Project Cost (Total of all budget Categories)	\$52,500	\$13,125	\$13,125	\$13,125	\$13,125