

Executive Summary
MomsFirst

Background/Purpose:

Authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into one or more contracts with Merrick House to provide MomsFirst services to women at risk of poor birth outcomes.

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 almost 1,650 participants and their families and made about 12,100 home visits in 2017.
- MomsFirst's infant mortality rate was 6.6 in 2017 as compared to the city of Cleveland rate of 13.3.

Contract Amount: \$242,864

Funding Source: 2019 General Fund

EXPANDED PRENATAL SERVICES BUDGET

January 1, 2019- December 31, 2019

Merrick House

\$242,864.00

Merrick House will provide MomsFirst services to the entire west side of Cleveland, maintaining a minimum caseload capacity of 120 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, conduct outreach and home visiting to enrolled families providing health education, screening and referral.

TOTAL:

\$242,864.00