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Acronyms

ACEs	Adverse Childhood Experiences
ACMH	Advisory Committee on Minority Health
AI/AN	American Indian/Alaska Native
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHAP	Community Health Aide Program
CHW	Community Health Worker
CLCCHC	Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care
CT	Clinical Trial
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HP	Healthy People
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
HSI	Hispanic serving institution
IAA	Inter-Agency Agreement
IDDA	Intra-Departmental Delegation of Authority
IHS	Indian Health Service
NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
OASH	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
ODPHP	OASH Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
OHCA	Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
OIDP	OASH Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy
OMH	HHS Office of Minority Health
OMHRC	Office of Minority Health Resource Center
OWH	OASH Office for Women's Health
SCD	Sickle Cell Disease
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health
TCH	Think Cultural Health

Summary of Reporting Requirement

Included in the Manager's Agreement to H.R. 1865, which became Public Law 116-94, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, (page 167) was a request for a report to update the Committees on Appropriations, including the name of each organization receiving funding in fiscal year 2020; the amount of each award; a summary of each project; and a projected timeline for each project:

Health Disparities.—The Committee includes an increase of \$13,202,000 above the amount requested in the fiscal year 2020 budget request and directs OMH to allocate the additional funds for research or public health interventions related to Sickle Cell [Disease], Sickle Cell Trait, Lupus, Alzheimer's, Diabetes, and peripheral artery disease, as well as stomach, liver, and cervical cancer to help reduce the racial and ethnic disparities that exist in these diseases. The Committee encourages OMH to support research at Historically Black Colleges and University medical colleges and Hispanic Serving Institution medical schools to explore the disproportionate impact these diseases have on minority populations. The Committee directs OMH to submit an update to the Committees on Appropriations no later than September 30, 2020, including the name of each organization receiving funding in fiscal year 2020; the amount of each award; a summary of each project; and a projected timeline for each project.

The following report summarizes the fiscal year (FY) 2020 awards of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) based on OMH's Congressional appropriation of \$58.6 million.

Executive Summary

In fiscal year (FY) 2020, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) funded 96 organizations in total to support new and continuing demonstration initiatives and other public health activities that support the reduction of health disparities in racial and ethnic minority populations. These awards totaled more than \$43.3 million and addressed a variety of areas, including, but not limited to: (1) supporting states, territories and tribes in identifying and sustaining health equity promoting policies, programs and practices in varied prevention and clinical condition topics; (2) expanding the utilization of community health workers to address health and related needs within communities; and (3) strengthening cultural competence among healthcare providers.

FY 2020 New Awards

In FY 2020, OMH issued notices of [grant] funding opportunities (NOFOs) and contract acquisition requests and entered into intra-departmental delegations of authority (IDDAs) and inter-agency agreements (IAAs) to support 11 demonstration initiatives and other public health activities. These new awards totaled more than \$18.1 million.

New Grants

OMH funded five new grant initiatives with 39 awardees and a total budget of more than \$15.9 million. These awardees have the following characteristics:

- Areas of focus: adverse childhood experiences, HIV, maternal mortality, lupus, diabetes (which can be related to peripheral artery disease), physical activity, nutrition, substance use disorder, sickle cell disease, cardiac arrest, and the prevention of liver and cervical cancer.
- Geographic scope: national scope and state-specific scope for 20 states and the District of Columbia: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Wisconsin.
- Organizational type: (1) 17 community-based organizations; (2) nine academic institutions, including one historically black college and university (HBCU); (3) seven state/local governments; (4) four hospitals; (4) one Native American Tribal organization; and (5) one non-profit Tribal serving organization.

New Contracts

OMH funded four new contracts with a total budget of more than \$1.4 million. The areas of focus for these awards are: community health aides; language translation service; and OMH organizational development.

New Intra-departmental Delegations of Authority and Inter-agency Agreements

OMH funded two new IDDAs and IAAs with two Federal government partners and a total budget of \$750,000. The areas of focus for these awards are: lupus and sickle cell disease.

Awards Addressing Clinical Areas Noted in the FY 2020 Congressional Appropriations Report
The FY 2020 Congressional Appropriations Report directed OMH to allocate funds for research or public health interventions related to the following areas: sickle cell disease and trait, lupus, Alzheimer's, diabetes and peripheral artery disease; and stomach, liver, and cervical cancer.

OMH's FY 2020 new awards that specifically address these clinical areas are as follows:

- State/Tribal/Territorial Partnership Initiative to Document and Sustain Disparity-Reducing Interventions (grant)
- Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Clinical Data Collection Platform (grant)
- Demonstration to Increase Hydroxyurea Prescribing for Children with Sickle Cell Disease Through Provider Incentive (grant)
- SCD Training and Mentoring Program for Primary Care Providers (STAMP) (IDDA)
- Diversity in Lupus Clinical Trials Initiative (IDDA)

Of note, OMH's State/Tribal/Territorial Partnership Initiative NOFO included the opportunity for grant proposals addressing Alzheimer's and stomach cancer, but OMH received no applications focused in these clinical areas.

FY 2020 Continuation Awards

In FY 2020, OMH issued continuation funding for grants, contracts, IDDA's and IAAs to support 15 demonstration initiatives and other public health activities. The continuation awards totaled more than \$25.2 million.

Continuation Grants

OMH funded seven continuation grant initiatives with a total of 43 awardees and a total budget of more than \$16.3 million. These awardees have the following characteristics:

- Areas of focus: youth physical activity; hepatitis B prevention and treatment; opioid abuse prevention, treatment and recovery; historical trauma within American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities; youth violence prevention; healthcare access and utilization, healthcare workforce diversity, and data utilization in health equity activities; and transition processes for individuals moving from jail back into communities.
- Geographic scope: national scope and state-specific scope for the following 26 states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.
- Organizational type: (1) 19 community-based organizations; (2) 12 academic institutions, including one HBCU and one Hispanic serving institution (HSI); (3) five city/county/state governments; (4) three Tribal serving organizations; (5) three Native American Tribes; and (6) two hospitals.

Continuation Contracts

OMH funded six continuation contracts with a total budget of more than \$7.4 million. The areas of focus for these awards are: sickle cell disease; OMH Resource Center; Think Cultural Health Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care; technical and logistical support for the Advisory Committee on Minority Health and other OMH activities; and evaluation of OMH-funded grants and cooperative agreements and Think Cultural Health e-learning curricula.

Continuation Intra-departmental Delegations of Authority and Inter-agency Agreements

OMH funded one continuation IDDA and one IAA with two Federal government partners and a total budget of approximately \$1.5 million. The areas of focus for these awards are: sickle cell disease and Healthy People.

A list of all active OMH grants by state is available on the OMH website at <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/Content.aspx?ID=17501&lvl=1&lvlid=5#TX>.

The following pages provide a detailed description of OMH's FY 2020 funded activities.

Detailed Description of FY 2020 OMH Funded Activities

Details regarding all FY 2020 OMH awardees are provided below, including a summary and the funding period of each initiative, the name of each organization receiving funding, and the amount of each award.

FY 2020 New Awards

New Grants

State/Tribal/Territorial Partnership Initiative to Document and Sustain Disparity-Reducing Interventions

2020-2023 | FY 2020 Funding: \$3,564,811 | 12 Awards | Range of Awards: \$265,004-\$300,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount	Focus Areas
Maine Department of Health and Human Services	Augusta	ME	\$300,000*	HIV/Diabetes
Morehouse of School of Medicine	Atlanta	GA	\$300,000	Maternal Mortality/ Nutrition
The Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.	Milwaukee	WI	\$300,000*	Physical Activity/Cancer Prevention
Wabanaki Health and Wellness	Bangor	ME	\$300,000	Substance Use Disorders/Nutrition
North Dakota Department of Health	Bismarck	ND	\$300,000*	Maternal Mortality/ Diabetes
Utah Department of Health	Salt Lake City	UT	\$300,000*	Maternal Mortality/ Diabetes
The George Washington University	Washington	DC	\$299,995*	Substance Use Disorders/ Cancer Prevention (liver)*
Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD	Montgomery	AL	\$300,000*	Substance Use Disorders/ Diabetes
Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System	Winnebago	NE	\$265,004*	Physical Activity/Cancer Prevention (cervical)*
Arkansas Department of Health	Little Rock	AR	\$300,000*	HIV/Diabetes*
American College of Rheumatology	Brookhaven	GA	\$299,975*	Physical Activity/ Lupus*
Office of Health Strategy	Hartford	CT	\$299,838	Maternal Mortality/ Nutrition

* Denotes awardee is addressing a clinical area(s) for which the FY 2020 Congressional Appropriation Report directed OMH to allocate funds.

These awards support projects to help build the capacity of state, tribal, and territorial health agencies to achieve two main goals: (1) test modifications to existing public health programs or practices (interventions) to assess if the modified interventions are successful in significantly improving health outcomes for selected health issues; and (2) develop an effective plan(s) to sustain successful interventions after the award period. Projects are expected to address two health issues, one from each of the following two lists: (1) HIV, maternal mortality and morbidity, physical activity, or substance use disorder; and (2) nutrition, sickle cell disease and trait, diabetes, Alzheimer’s, lupus, or cancer prevention (i.e., addressing a risk factor(s) specifically for stomach, liver, or cervical cancer).

Of note, OMH did not receive any grant applications addressing Alzheimer’s and stomach cancer.

Community-based Approaches to Strengthening Economic Supports for Working Families
 2020-2023 | FY 2020 Funding: \$9,946,838 | 23 Awards | Range of Awards: \$339,779-\$450,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
The Curators of the University of Missouri	Columbia	MO	\$448,854
Housing Authority of the City of Tampa	Tampa	FL	\$450,000
Methodist Le Bonheur Community Outreach	Memphis	TN	\$386,406
Reach Out	Upland	CA	\$445,878
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Baltimore	MD	\$441,283
Foundation Communities, Inc.	Austin	TX	\$372,555
Panhandle Community Services	Amarillo	TX	\$450,000
Orlando Health, Inc.	Orlando	FL	\$449,336
Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services	Dearborn	MI	\$434,695
Greater Flint Health Coalition, Inc.	Flint	MI	\$436,021
United Way of San Diego County	San Diego	CA	\$449,898
Affirming Youth Foundation, Inc.	Miami	FL	\$450,000
Southwestern Area Health Education Center, Inc.	Shelton	CT	\$448,895
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Lansing	MI	\$450,000
Life and Discovery, Inc.	Frederick	MD	\$339,779
University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.	Athens	GA	\$448,899

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center	Albuquerque	NM	\$450,000
The Village for Families & Children, Inc.	Hartford	CT	\$449,989
The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital	Columbus	OH	\$401,355
Empire Justice Center	Rochester	NY	\$425,995
Day One	Pasadena	CA	\$417,000
Montefiore Medical Center	Bronx	NY	\$450,000
United Ways of California	South Pasadena	CA	\$450,000

These awards seek to determine whether implementation of earned income tax credit (EITC) outreach and education activities in communities at higher risk for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can result in: (1) increased EITC receipt; and (2) changes in risk and/or protective factors for ACEs. OMH expects projects funded under this initiative to: (1) establish multi-sectoral partnerships to support EITC outreach and education activities in communities at higher risk for ACEs; (2) plan and implement EITC outreach and education activities in communities at higher risk for ACEs; (3) develop and implement a process and outcome evaluation plan; (4) communicate and disseminate findings, successes and lessons learned; and (5) plan for sustainability of successful interventions.

Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Data Collection Platform

2020-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$999,563 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$999,563

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
American Society of Hematology	Washington	DC	\$ 999,563*

* Denotes awardee is addressing a clinical area for which the FY 2020 Congressional Appropriation Report directed OMH to allocate funds.

This award seeks to determine whether a standardized sickle cell disease (SCD) clinical data collection platform, shared across medical centers and other healthcare facilities, can serve as a central repository for analyzing data from large patient cohorts, recruiting patients for clinical trials, assessing adherence to evidence-based clinical guidelines, and identifying new areas for research. OMH expects the awardee to develop and implement a SCD data collection platform and to create and manage a collaborative learning community of participating clinical care teams and patient/family members to pilot utilization of the shared data collection platform. The long-term vision and ultimate goal of this learning community is to improve patient care and outcomes, including improved quality of life, for individuals with SCD and their families and to reduce the cost of care.

Demonstration to Increase Hydroxyurea Prescribing for Children with Sickle Cell Disease Through Provider Incentives

2020-2023 | FY2020 Funding: \$1,250,000 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$1,250,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
New York City Health + Hospitals/Queens	Jamaica	New York	\$1,250,000*

* Denotes awardee is addressing a clinical area for which the FY 2020 Congressional Appropriation Report directed OMH to allocate funds.

This award seeks to demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of providing financial incentives to providers to improve the quality of life of children with SCD through increased prescription rates of hydroxyurea. OMH intends for the awardee to build the capacity of the State Medicaid Office and other partners to achieve three main goals: (1) develop performance measures for hydroxyurea prescribing for the three main provider types that care for children with SCD (i.e., hematologists, primary care providers, and emergency clinicians); (2) develop and implement an incentive payment system(s) for each provider type; and (3) evaluate the effectiveness of financial incentives for providers to increase hydroxyurea prescribing and decrease emergency department visits for children with SCD.

Reducing Cardiac Arrest Disparities Through Data Registries Initiative

2020-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$139,076 | 2 Awards | Range of Awards: \$69,079-\$69,997

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
The University of Vermont	Burlington	VT	\$69,997
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	AR	\$69,079

These awards seek to demonstrate whether participation in an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) registry, using standard data collection tools and data infrastructure, supports the: (1) identification of racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged populations experiencing cardiac arrest; and (2) implementation of evidence-informed interventions to improve cardiac arrest survival rates.

The awardees will implement state-level processes for contributing to an OHCA data registry, including data collection on emergency cardiac care by emergency medical services and outcomes through hospital discharge. Using data from the OHCA registry, awardees will describe the state cardiac arrest occurrence rate by race and ethnicity and other related factors. The initiative ultimately will enhance the capacity of state health agencies to implement and sustain evidence-informed interventions that significantly improve health outcomes of individuals who experience OHCA.

New Contracts

Community Health Aide Program Feasibility Assessment and Technical Assistance in Indian Country

2020-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$404,256 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$404,256

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
James Bell Associates	Arlington	VA	\$404,256

In partnership with the Indian Health Service (IHS), this award supports data analysis and the development of processes by which IHS can support tribal nations' implementation of the HHS IHS [Community Health Aide Program](#) (CHAP) outside the State of Alaska. OMH anticipates lessons learned from this project can be extrapolated other rural and racial and ethnic minority populations.

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health in Public Housing Using an Interdepartmental Community Health Worker Model

2020-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$499,929 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$499,929

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Gramercy Research Group, LLC	Winston-Salem	NC	\$499,929

In partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this award supports the development and implementation of a community health worker (CHW) curriculum for public housing residents into the broader core-competency training of HUD's [Jobs Plus Initiative](#). The program seeks to demonstrate that increasing the number of CHWs serving public housing residents will result in improved clinical outcomes for residents of the public housing community due to improved clinical knowledge and health behaviors.

Language Translation Services

2020-2025 | FY 2020 Funding: \$249,726 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$249,726

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Translation Excellence, Inc.	Washington	DC	\$249,726

This award supports translation, interpretation, and formatting services for culturally and linguistically appropriate materials and information in multiple languages for a variety of formats (e.g., webpage, factsheet, digital info cards, messaging for digital channels and/or presentations). OMH intends for this award to support OMH and other HHS components in increasing the accessibility of prevention measures, other relevant health topics and government resources/services information for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP).

Organizational Development Contract

2020-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$310,000 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$310,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
BKM Consulting, LLC	Towson	MD	\$310,000

This award provides OMH with organizational development resources to support its ability to efficiently and effectively achieve new high priority objectives while enhancing performance in its core functions. Topics that will be addressed through this award include: (1) leadership coaching and development; (2) team performance and development; and (3) culture of change, accountability, and sustainability.

New Intra-departmental Delegations of Authority and Inter-agency Agreements

Diversity in Lupus Clinical Trials Program

2020 | FY2020 Funding: \$250,000 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$250,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
FDA	Silver Spring	MD	\$250,000*

* Denotes awardee is addressing a clinical area for which the FY 2020 Congressional Appropriation Report directed OMH to allocate funds.

In partnership with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), this award supports a national outreach/multi-media campaign that connects racial and ethnic minority populations with lupus and their caregivers/families to information about current lupus-related clinical trials (CTs) and supports the increased enrollment of these populations in CTs. The program includes engagement of racial and ethnic minorities with lupus and/or their caregivers/families in the development of outreach/social media messages and tactics and increased capacity of CHWs to provide education and information on CTs to lupus patients and/or their caregivers/families.

Sickle Cell Disease Training and Mentoring Program for Primary Care Providers

2020 | FY2020 Funding: \$500,000 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$500,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Health Resources and Services Administration	Rockville	MD	\$500,000*

* Denotes awardee is addressing a clinical area for which the FY 2020 Congressional Appropriation Report directed OMH to allocate funds.

In partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), this award supports the Sickle Cell Disease Training and Mentoring Program for Primary Care Providers (STAMP). STAMP is a pilot program developed by the HHS SCD Workgroup and the HRSA SCD Treatment Demonstration Program. STAMP supports targeted outreach to primary care providers and advanced practice providers and their participation in case-based training and

mentorship sessions on the clinical care of individuals with SCD. The training sessions are delivered via the Project ECHO (Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes) platform. The STAMP sessions will be part of a broader SCD certificate training program for primary care providers.

FY 2020 Continuation Awards

Continuation Grants

Youth Engagement in Sports Initiative: Collaboration to Improve Adolescent Physical Activity and Nutrition

2019-2021 | FY2020 Funding: \$1,987,400| 6 awards | Range of Awards: \$187,910-\$399,995

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth	Fort Lauderdale	FL	\$199,902
Hayward Unified School District	Hayward	CA	\$399,979
Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club of St. Louis Inc.	St. Louis	MO	\$399,683
Rural America Initiatives	Rapid City	SD	\$399,995
UP2US INC	New York	NY	\$399,931
Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation	Klamath	CA	\$187,910

In partnership with OASH’s Office on Women’s Health, these awards seek to identify innovative practices for improving physical activity and nutrition via increased sports participation. The Youth Engagement in Sports (YES) Initiative promotes implementation of the [National Physical Activity Guidelines](#), which call for youth to get 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. Awardees seek to identify promising approaches for youth populations with lower rates of sports participation and communities with limited access to athletic facilities or recreational areas.

Hepatitis B Demonstration Grant Initiative

2019-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$2,395,482 | 5 Awards | Range of Awards: \$430,000-\$500,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Asian Health Coalition	Chicago	IL	\$465,521
Charles B. Wang Community Health Center, Inc.	New York	NY	\$500,000
Philadelphia Department of Public Health	Philadelphia	PA	\$499,961
The George Washington University	Washington	DC	\$500,000
The Regents of the University of California (Davis)	Davis	CA	\$430,000

In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), these awards seek to test the implementation of comprehensive, culturally competent community-based hepatitis B education, screening, vaccination and treatment programs in racial and ethnic minority and disadvantaged communities. This initiative supports HHS' ultimate goal of ending hepatitis B virus (HBV) transmission and reducing morbidity and mortality attributable to associated HIV infection.

Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative

2018-2021 | FY 2020 Funding: \$1,749,987 | 5 Awards | Range of Awards: \$349,991-\$350,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Boston Public Health Commission	Boston	MA	\$349,991
North Jersey AIDS Alliance (North Jersey Community Research Initiative)	Newark	NJ	\$350,000
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board	Portland	OR	\$349,999
Purdue University	West Lafayette	IN	\$350,000
The Ohio State University	Columbus	OH	\$349,997

These awards seek to identify evidence-based interventions and promising approaches for preventing opioid abuse and increasing access to opioid treatment and recovery services for racial and ethnic minorities and disadvantaged communities within counties with more than 19.9% of persons living in poverty as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau or counties with violent crime rates in excess of 400 per 100,000 population; and counties or states for which county or state data indicate high nonfatal or fatal opioid overdose rates.

American Indian/Alaska Native Health Equity Initiative

2017-2022 | FY 2020 Funding: \$911,752 | 3 Awards | Range of Awards: \$276,303-\$335,449

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM	\$300,000
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation	Mashantucket	CT	\$335,449
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community	La Conner	WA	\$276,303

These awards support the identification of evidence-based models and/or promising practices to help address historical and generational trauma within in AI/AN communities. The initiative is testing innovative programs that: (1) improve the physical, social, emotional and cultural well-being of AI/AN adolescents through culturally appropriate and effective public health interventions; and (2) build and strengthen cultural competency among healthcare professionals and paraprofessionals serving AI/AN adolescents, their caregivers and communities.

Minority Youth Violence Prevention II Initiative: Integrating Social Determinants of Health and Community Policing Approaches

2017-2021 | FY 2020 Funding: \$4,078,508 | 10 Awards | Range of Awards: \$345,640-\$425,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Center for Self Sufficiency	Milwaukee	WI	\$413,433
Clayton County Juvenile Justice Fund, Inc.	Jonesboro	GA	\$400,000
Gang Alternative, Inc.	Miami	FL	\$425,000
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	KY	\$345,640
Loyola University of Chicago	Chicago	IL	\$425,000
Rhode Island Department of Health	Providence	RI	\$425,000
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Piscataway	NJ	\$369,439
Saint Louis County Department of Public Health	Berkeley	MO	\$424,996
University Auxiliary and Research Service Corporation (Cal State University)	San Marcos	CA	\$425,000
University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.	Lawrence	KS	\$425,000

These awards seek to identify and implement innovative approaches consistent with public health principles to significantly reduce the prevalence and impact of youth violence among racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged at-risk youth. OMH intends for awardees to address public health, education, and public safety concerns; disparities in access to public health services; and

social determinants of health and risk and protective factors. All awardees are required to form a partnership that includes, at minimum, a public health agency, local school, community-based organization, law enforcement agency, and an institution of higher education.

Partnerships to Achieve Health Equity Initiative

2017-2022 | FY2020 Funding: \$2,386,251 | 6 Awards | Range of Awards: \$350,000-\$437,007

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Boat People SOS, Inc.	Falls Church	VA	\$350,000
National Hispanic Medical Association	Washington	DC	\$375,000
Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center, Inc.	St. Johnsbury	VT	\$399,950
Southcentral Foundation	Anchorage	AK	\$399,999
The University of Chicago	Chicago	IL	\$389,295 + \$35,000 (Supplement)
University of Washington	Seattle	WA	\$349,507 + \$87,500 (Supplement)

These awards seek to identify evidence-informed practices to: (1) improve access to and utilization of care by racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged populations; (2) increase the diversity of the health workforce through initiatives at the high school or undergraduate level that focus on racial and ethnic health disparities and health equity; or (3) increase data availability and utilization of data related to health disparities and facilitate the development, implementation and assessment of health equity activities.

Re-Entry Community Linkages Initiative

2016-2021 | FY2020 Funding: \$2,807,411 | 8 Awards | Range of Awards: \$300,000-\$375,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Action Wellness	Philadelphia	PA	\$325,000
Arbor Circle Corporation	Grand Rapids	MI	\$356,688
Maricopa County Special Health Care District	Phoenix	AZ	\$300,000
Metropolitan Charities, Inc.	St. Petersburg	FL	\$375,000
Northwestern University	Evanston	IL	\$375,000
St. Louis Integrated Health Network	St. Louis	MO	\$325,724
The Fortune Society, Inc.	Long Island City	NY	\$375,000
The Regents of the University of California, UC San Diego	La Jolla	CA	\$374,999

These awards seek to demonstrate the effectiveness of collaborative and culturally and linguistically appropriate transition processes for minority and/or disadvantaged individuals transitioning from jail to their communities. OMH intends for awardees to forge essential partnerships between public health and community support systems that work together to implement the transition processes. Transition needs include linkages to healthcare, including behavioral healthcare services; healthcare coverage; and other social services such as housing, adult education, and employment assistance.

Continuation Contracts

National Plan and Blueprint for Sickle Cell Disease

2020 | FY 2020 Funding: \$80,000 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$80,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine	Washington	DC	\$80,000

This award supported the final National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) activities related to the development and dissemination of a strategic plan and blueprint for addressing SCD in the United States. In conducting its work, NASEM examined: the epidemiology, health outcomes, and societal factors of SCD; current guidelines and best practices for SCD care; the economic burden associated with SCD; and current SCD federal, state, and local programs. The [NASEM strategic plan and blueprint for SCD](#) was released on September 10, 2020.

Think Cultural Health Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care

2016-2021 | FY 2020 Funding: \$1,864,130 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$1,864,130

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
SRA International, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	\$1,864,130

This award supports OMH’s one-stop Think Cultural Health (TCH) website and training curricula on cultural competence and the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Healthcare (National CLAS Standards). Currently available at no cost to the user are accredited TCH e-learning curricula, which include courses for: behavioral health providers; disaster and emergency personnel; nurses; oral health providers; physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants; healthcare administrations; and promotores de salud.

TCH evolved from the Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care (CLCCHC) that was established in 1995 in response to P.L. 101-527, which requires OMH to develop the capacity of healthcare professionals and organizations to address cultural and linguistic barriers to healthcare delivery. The mission of TCH is to collaborate with federal agencies and other public

and private entities to enhance the ability of healthcare professionals and students to effectively deliver linguistically appropriate and culturally competent healthcare to diverse populations.

Evaluation of Think Cultural Health Competency Continuing Education Programs for Healthcare Professionals

2020 | FY 2020 Funding: \$149,850 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$149,850

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
2M Research Services	Arlington	TX	\$149,850

This award supports an independent evaluator to assess the impact of the TCH e-learning curricula on knowledge gain, attitudes and healthcare practice related to cultural and linguistic competency. This evaluation will assess the perceived utility of the TCH curriculum and self-reported use of concepts by deployed U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers as an indicator of the impact of TCH.

Performance Improvement & Management System

2018-2023 | FY 2020 Funding: \$1,176,206 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$1,176,206

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
National Opinion Research Center	Bethesda	MD	\$1,176,206

This award supports the implementation of an evaluation technical assistance protocol to assess evaluation plans and to recommend techniques for strengthening and improving the evaluation of OMH-funded grants and cooperative agreements. Through a qualitative assessment of the strength of evaluation evidence and a quantitative assessment of reported outcome measures, OMH-funded grant or cooperative agreement projects that present a “promising practice” or a “best practice” are identified for consideration for dissemination and scaling. In addition, through literature review, environmental scan, and key informant interviews, this initiative will identify OMH-funded projects that have yielded programs, program components or models that have been sustained after OMH funding ended and/or were adopted by other entities to support the reduction or elimination of health disparities. OMH uses this information to guide decision-making regarding future funding investment. This award also supports OMH’s compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

Office of Minority Health Resource Center

2020 | FY 2020 Funding: \$ 4,004,635 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$4,004,635

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Blackfish Federal, LLC	McLean	VA	\$4,004,635

This award supports the operation and maintenance of the statutorily-required Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC). The OMHRC’s functions include: (1) operating and maintaining a minority health resource center and library on health disparities, best and promising

practices, and related statistics; (2) distributing information to consumers, partners, researchers, policy makers, health professionals, community and faith-based organizations and tribal organizations using a variety of modalities (e.g., OMH website and social media platforms, webinars, virtual training, presentations and conference support; (3) promoting health equity through campaigns and awareness activities, including online, earned, social media and paid advertising. One of the OMHRC’s products for FY 2020 included OMH’s [virtual symposium](#) titled *Advancing the Response to COVID-19: Sharing Promising Programs and Practices for Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations*.

Technical and Logistical Support for the HHS Office of Minority Health

2020-2025 | FY 2020 Funding: \$161,608 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$161,608

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Civility Management Solutions	Greenbelt	MD	\$161,608

This award provides support for the operations and functions of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH) and other OMH events. This contract also is supporting OMH’s work to compile information for the HHS Reports to Congress on Minority Health Activities.

The ACMH is a statutory Federal advisory committee mandated under Section 1707(c) of the Public Health Service Act. ACMH provides advice to the HHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on the development of goals and program activities for improving the health and the quality of healthcare and for eliminating health disparities in racial and ethnic minority populations. The ACMH provides recommendations on topics that are aligned with HHS priorities, with a focus on reducing health disparities among racial/ethnic minority populations.

Continuation Intra-departmental Delegations of Authority and Inter-Agency Agreements

Healthy People

2020 | FY 2020 Funding: \$1,000,000 | 1 Award | Award Amount: \$1,000,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
OASH Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	Washington	DC	\$1,000,000

In partnership with the OASH Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, this award supports the co-design and launch of a fully integrated Healthy People 2030 health disparities data tool and widget and the development of a multi-media promotional strategic plan to highlight health disparities data. The widget, which can be downloaded without cost, has been hosted by more than 200 partner websites and used on average 10,000 times per month.

Healthy People provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. Healthy People 2030, the fifth iteration of Healthy People, was launched in August 2020.

Expansion of CDC Sickle Cell Data Collection Initiative

2020 | FY 2020 Funding: \$460,000 | 1 Award | Amount of Award: \$460,000

Awardee	City	State	Award Amount
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Atlanta	GA	\$460,000

In partnership with CDC, this award supports the expansion of the CDC Sickle Cell Data Collection Initiative. Currently, no national-level surveillance system for SCD exists in the United States. The funding provided (in addition to funds from CDC) will allow seven additional states to build capacity toward developing the needed infrastructure and data systems to support comprehensive, population-level SCD surveillance.

Conclusions

OMH remains committed to its mission of improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and initiatives that will help eliminate health disparities. This commitment is evident in OMH's FY 2020 awards to support new and continuing demonstration initiatives and other public health activities that support the reduction of health disparities in racial and ethnic minority populations.

For FY 2021 and beyond, OMH shall continue to work to protect the American people through funded and other endeavors focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health and healthcare.