

WHA-Crafted GME New Program Development Grant Applications Now Open

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) released their Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program Development [Request for Applications](#). Applications are due by noon, April 11, 2024. Grant agreements for this round of applications will start July 1, 2024.

WHA spearheaded efforts that resulted in 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, authorizing DHS to establish grants to support development of new GME programs, with a goal of increasing the number of physicians practicing in rural and underserved areas of Wisconsin. Hospitals and rural hospitals interested in developing GME programs, establishing new fellowship programs or developing rural tracks are encouraged to apply. Grant funding of up to \$1 million per grantee over a period that can span up to five years is available.

GME program development grants are part of DHS's "Grow Our Own" grant program, a program based on WHA's 86% equation that has already supported the creation of 18 new GME programs since the initial grants were awarded in 2013. The success of the GME new program and expansion grants inspired the creation of GME allied health and advanced practice clinician training grants in 2017. To date, DHS has awarded 119 "Grow Our Own" grants creating public-private partnerships that have resulted in a \$65 million investment in new and expanded clinical training programs in Wisconsin. As a result of GME program development grants and expansion grants 60 additional Wisconsin physicians graduate from GME programs each year.

The "Grow Our Own" Equation



In addition to the GME Program Development Grants, DHS is also currently seeking applications for Allied Health training grants and APC training grants. Contact WHA Senior Vice President of Workforce and Clinical Practice [Ann Zenk](#) if you have questions about "Grow Our Own" grants or any other health care workforce issue.

Grant applications are available at the following links:

[GME Program Development Grant](#) – due by noon April 11, 2024

[Allied Health Training Grant](#) – due by 11:59 p.m. April 5, 2024

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