

Wisconsin “Grow Our Own” Training Grant Applications Open

DHS now accepting applications for grants to expand WHA-backed GME training opportunities

Wisconsin Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs have been utilizing Grow Our Own grants to create and expand Wisconsin GME residency opportunities since 2013, and have until noon on Aug. 23, 2022, to apply for this latest round of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) grant funding. The DHS Request for Applications can be found [here](#).

“Grow Our Own” matching grants create public-private partnerships based on WHA’s 86% equation.

The “Grow Our Own” Equation



“In 2019 WHA asked the state to include other in-demand specialties beyond the original primary care specialties in the physician residency grants and the state made that change in the 2019-21 budget,” noted WHA Senior Vice President of Workforce and Clinical Practice Ann Zenk. “GME programs can now support new residency opportunities for physicians in diverse specialty areas where demand is high, and we need to grow our workforce faster.”

WHA led efforts to create matching grants for GME creation and expansion in 2013, and for allied health and advanced practice clinician training grants in 2017. DHS has awarded 85 Grow Our Own grants to date, spurring \$53 million in public/private funds invested in growing our Wisconsin health care workforce. As a result of GME grants Wisconsin has an additional 145 residency slots, and when this pipeline is full, there will be 49 additional physicians completing their residency training each and every year.

Contact WHA Senior Vice President Workforce and Clinical Practice [Ann Zenk](#) with questions about this [grant application](#).

DHS GME Residency Expansion Grant Request For Applications (RFA) Timeline

July 12, 2022	Competitive Application Released via DHS web site
July 26, 2022	Questions due by 12:00 noon CT
August 2, 2022	Questions & Responses posted to DHS website
August 23, 2022	Applications Due by 12:00 noon CT
September 30, 2022	Notification of Awards
July 1, 2023	Project & Grant Start Date