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DATE: February 9, 2022
TO: Goodhue County Personnel Committee
FROM: Nina Arneson, HHS Director
RE: Healthy Communities Intern – Rural Health Assessment Grant Funded

BACKGROUND:

GCHHS has submitted an application for the Rural Health Assessment Grant Program. This program was established to support collaboration in rural Minnesota between stakeholders working on community level health assessments and implementation planning. This grant is administered by the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care within the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This program uses federal funds from a grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- Local health departments do a Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) as required by Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Our county-led CHA Committee published a CHA in 2012 and 2017, and a CHIP in 2014 and 2018.
- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires nonprofit hospitals to do a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) since 2012. Mayo Clinic Health System has published CHNAs for the hospitals in Goodhue County in 2013, 2016, and 2019, and implementation plans in 2014, 2017, and 2020.
- Both GCHHS and Mayo Clinic Health System are due to conduct assessments in 2022. Our application for the Rural Health Assessment Grant program would allow us to enhance the 2022 assessment.

We respectfully request to hire a summer 2022 Healthy Communities intern **IF** we are funded. This will be a temporary position, 100% covered by the Rural Health Assessment Grant. MDH anticipates notifying all applicants via email of funding decisions by 3/01/2022. If GCHHS is selected, these will be one-time funds for one year, 4/15/2022 to 4/14/2023.

IF funded, the Healthy Communities Intern will be paid with Rural Health Assessment Grant funds (no county levy). In our application we requested funding for a summer intern for 260 hours to help engage the community in the community health assessment and community health improvement plan process.

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IF funded, the total pay will be 260 hours x \$15.00 = \$3900. FICA and Medicare for this position will be \$298.35. The total cost of the intern will be \$4198.35. This will be 100% covered by our Rural Health Assessment Grant if funded.

RECOMMENDATION:

The HHS Department recommends approving the following:

1. **IF** we receive the Rural Health Assessment Grant funds, move forward immediately after we are notified of the funding decision to post for one Healthy Communities Intern (260 hours).
2. Hire Healthy Communities Intern for up 260 hours as Rural Health Assessment Grant funds are available after GCHHS Board's review and approval.