# Seeking Community Reviewers for Family Home Visiting Grant

The Minnesota Department of Health family home visiting section invites members of the community to participate as community reviewers in the next competitive grant review process. We anticipate the next evidence-based family home visiting Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released in January 2027, with awards beginning Jan. 1, 2028.

## Overview and purpose

Family home visiting is a voluntary service for pregnant people and families with young children. It typically begins before birth, or soon after birth, and continues through the early years of a child's life. A trained home visitor provides individualized services, in the home or another location, to meet the unique needs of each family.

The purpose of this RFP is to fund local community health boards, Tribal nations, and non-profit organizations across the state to implement impactful, evidence-based home visiting programs for Minnesota families. Building on past success, this funding allows home visiting programs to deliver services that:

- Improve and promote parental and child health.
- Prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Reduce crime and intimate partner violence.
- Increase family economic self-sufficiency.
- Enhance positive parenting practices.
- Promote children's development and readiness to participate in school.
- Connect families to needed community resources and support.

## Competitive review process

The review process will include scored recommendations by a community review committee. To gather a team of reviewers with multiple perspectives, we will consider many factors including geographic distribution, varied life experiences, and diverse areas of expertise. To ensure equity and prevent conflicts of interest, individuals who are affiliated with an applicant family home visiting program cannot participate in the community review. Individuals who meet eligibility requirements and complete all steps of the community review process will receive a $300 stipend.

## Why are community reviewers important?

Minnesota is home to many diverse communities, and we are committed to including voices from these communities in our grant review process. Community reviewers evaluate grant applications to help ensure that the best, most impactful proposals are recommended for further consideration.

Please fill out the Family Home Visiting Community Reviewer Interest Form to be notified when more details about this opportunity become available and share with others who may be interested as well.