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Notice of Funding Opportunity and Updated Strategic Plan

ROCKFORD, IL – The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) has released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for Program Year 2022–2023 (PY23), beginning June 1, 2022, and ending May 30, 2023. WCCMHB is seeking proposals for the purpose of contracting with public or private entities for mental health and substance use services, including training and education for Winnebago County residents of all ages. The WCCMHB will prioritize innovative proposals that focus on target populations and that address priority areas, both of which are laid out in the updated [WCCMHB 3-Year Strategic Plan Updated Version November 2021](#).

The total funding available for Program Year 2022–2023 (PY23) will be up to \$15 Million. Those who are eligible to apply are not-for-profit agencies, for-profit businesses (properly licensed), hospitals and health care organizations, and other governmental entities and departments. Lead organizations that apply must be established for at least three years prior to applying for funding. Collaborative grant applications are highly encouraged. Non-traditional mental health organizations, especially those that provide services for underserved populations are encouraged to apply as collaborative partners with established service providers.

More detailed information about the grant can be found in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

The WCCMHB is using a web-based grant platform, Foundant, for applications. The submission portal will be opened on December 1, 2021, and will close on January 31, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. CST and will be available on the [WCCMHB Funding Resources Page](#).

Submission of an application does not guarantee approval or the award of funds. Grantee eligibility requirements must be met in full by all awarded grantee organizations.

Questions can be emailed to info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us

ABOUT WCCMHB – The purpose of the [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board](#) (WCCMHB) is to plan, implement, and monitor a system of mental health and addiction services for Winnebago County residents

suffering from serious mental illness and addictions. WCCMHB distributes sales tax proceeds to provide services to individuals whose illnesses prevent their functioning in age-appropriate social roles. The use of clinical, evidence-based practices allows individuals with serious mental illness and addictions to remain in the community while accessing their care needs.

ABOUT RPC – [Region 1 Planning Council](#) is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives. *The Region 1 Planning Council provides staff support to the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board.*

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