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Mental Health Board Announces Funding Decisions for Core Programs

ROCKFORD, IL — Local mental health and substance use programs have been awarded funding through the half-cent sales tax. The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) awarded “renewal” and “new” funding for Core Programs for Program Years 4-6 for up to \$60 million. Some programs will be funded for one year with the opportunity to be renewed for two additional years if successful, while more established programs will receive three years of funding.

In total, 48 proposals were filed for new and renewal funding. Thirteen proposals were awarded for one year of funding totaling \$3,722,364.07 and 28 programs were awarded for three years of funding totaling \$48,039,852.77. Six proposals were not awarded for funding. One applicant, Remedies Renewing Lives, withdrew their request for mental health services funding prior to the mental health board’s decision.

The programs selected address the needs of the target populations of Serious Mental Illness (18+ yrs.), Serious Emotional Disturbances (3-21 yrs.), Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (0-5 yrs.), and Substance Use Disorders (all ages). Top funding priorities include Mental Health Treatment, Case Management, Crisis Response Services, Family & Community Support, Client Identification & Outreach, and Housing.

The following programs were awarded funding, contingent upon the approval of funding agreements and work plans:

One Year Awards		
Organization Name	Project Name	Total Amount Awarded
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	Social Emotional Skill Building and Severe Emotional Disturbance Services	\$411,537.10
City of Rockford Health & Human Services Department	IMPACT (Integrated Mobile Partners Action Crisis Team)	\$605,993.00
Lifescape	Senior Mental Health Program (SMHP)	\$168,811.00
Marshmallow’s Hope Nonprofit Organization	Suicide Prevention: Empowering Youth Through Psychotherapy for Mental Wellness	\$315,245.00

Prairie State Legal Services	Legal Services for Winnebago Residents with Mental Illness	\$33,696.00
Shelter Care Ministries	Jubilee Community Outreach and Housing Stability Program	\$82,600.00
University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford	CLEAN: Clinical Learning and Education in Addiction	\$448,300.00
University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford MERIT (Medical Evaluation Response Initiative Team)	Enhanced Services and Community Prevention Education	\$229,482.67
Winnebago County	Juvenile Detention Center - Reducing Isolation through Expanded Behavioral Health - Continuation	\$452,481.81
Winnebago County	Juvenile Resource Intervention Center (JRIC) - Behavioral Health Continuation	\$192,404.02
Winnebago County	Resource Intervention Center (RIC) - Behavioral Health Continuation	\$192,404.05
Winnebago County Health Department	Trauma Informed Community Care Coordination - Continuation	\$160,569.43
Youth Services Network Inc	Mental Health for Homeless Youth (MH4Y)	\$428,839.99

Three Year Awards		
Organization Name	Project Name	Total Amount Awarded
Alignment Rockford	How are the Children? Systems Change through Community Data	\$942,205.00
Boys & Girls Club - Rockford Barbell	Youth Self-Regulation Programs	\$775,354.00
Brightpoint	Doula	\$778,812.00
Brightpoint	EPIC	\$1,227,609.00
Brooke Road United Methodist Church	Southeast Rockford Children, Family and Community Wellness Response Program	\$198,980.00
City of Rockford	Crisis Co-Response Team	\$6,368,235.74
City of Rockford	Crisis Co-Response Team (CCRT) Expansion	\$627,550.36
City of Rockford	Mobile Integrated Health - Mental Health Program	\$4,864,321.16
City of Rockford	Inclusive Wellness Programming at the Family Peace Center	\$882,700.00
Crusader	Behavioral Health Services	\$3,133,338.00
Family Counseling Services	Service Expansion 3.0	\$809,713.00
NAMI Northern Illinois	Support, Education, and Mental Health Advocacy	\$771,353.65
NAMI Northern Illinois	Recovery/Family Support Specialists	\$186,740.40
NICNE	Rockford Area Case Management Training and Community of Practice	\$337,897.35
RAMP	Mental Health Services and Training	\$1,020,421.00
Remedies Renewing Lives	Domestic Violence Therapy & Advocacy Project	\$325,347.22
Rockford Park District Foundation	Unique Mental Health services through the development of the Lockwood Indoor Equine Center	\$1,355,496.19
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	Outreach Therapists	\$529,620.00
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	Group Therapy for Older Adults	\$17,500.00

Rosecrance	Access to Care	\$7,665,176.59
Rosecrance	Winnebago System of Care	\$5,269,719.00
Summit Academy	Summit Academy - Transition Counselor and Mental Health Curriculum	\$231,708.00
Tommy Corral Memorial Foundation	Family & Community MHFA Training	\$98,421.00
University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford	CARE Program - Compassionate Appreciation for Recovery in Everyone	\$846,648.66
Winnebago County	Assistant State's Attorney - Mental Health	\$368,247.19
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office	Winnebago County Jail Behavioral Health Program - Enhanced	\$5,967,023.06
YMCA of Rock River Valley	Protecting Youth Mental Wellness YMCA Year 2	\$558,542.44
Youth Services Network Inc	Youth Trauma Clinic (YTC)	\$1,881,172.76

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ABOUT WCCMHB – The purpose of the [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board](#) (WCCMHB) is a board of appointed community leaders and public officials dedicated to investing and supporting mental health and substance use services for adults and children in Winnebago County. WCCMHB receives funding through a half-cent sales tax which was approved by Winnebago County residents in March 2020. This sales tax generates approximately \$18 million annually for mental health and substance use services across the county. WCCMHB positively impacts the Winnebago County community by increasing access to local services by providing support and funding to organizations, non-profits, and government agencies that offer mental health and substance use services. This allows Winnebago County residents to live and recover in the community.

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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