



## News Release

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### Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Notice of Funding Opportunity

**ROCKFORD, IL** — The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Program Year 2022, beginning June 1, 2021, and ending May 30, 2022. WCCMHB is seeking proposals for the purpose of contracting with public and private entities for mental health and substance abuse services to develop and maintain a Community Support Program in Winnebago County. The objectives of the funding will be to improve key areas as listed in the [WCCMHB 3-Year Strategic Plan](#).

The total funding available for Program Year 2022 will be up to \$8.8 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. Entities that apply must be established for at least three years prior to applying for funding. WCCMHB will be utilizing a web-based application system to accept funding applications for the program year. The submission portal will open January 13, 2021, and close February 24, 2021. More detailed information can be found in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

WCCMHB Board President, Mary Ann Abate, says, “After months of research, Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board is ready to initiate an expansion of services for children and adults seriously mentally ill and/or addicted residents of our county. Our priorities are data driven and community based. The limits of our expansion will be determined by the availability of funds. We are confident that this plan will provide a solid framework for building a Community Support Program for Winnebago County, and we are excited to see all of the innovative applications that come from community prospective awardees.”

*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. Applicants will be notified of application status by April 30, 2021.*

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