



## News Release

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**WCCMHB**

Winnebago County  
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### Program Year 2022 – 2023 Grant Applications Update

**ROCKFORD, IL** — The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) Program Year 2022 – 2023 grant application period closed on January 31, 2022. The total available funding amount is up to \$15 Million for the Board to award applications. Funding for this program year will cover June 1, 2022, to May 30, 2023.

The Board received 34 applications for a total of \$18.3 Million in requested funding. Many of the applications were collaborative applications involving multiple agencies and also include renewal applications from Program Year 2021 – 2022 funded programs.

WCCMHB President Mary Ann Abate states, “I’m once again impressed with the response from our community organizations to address the mental health needs of our community. We are seeing more collaborations than ever before, and it is a testament to the power of having a local mental health fund.”

Over the next several weeks, the board will review and score applications, with assistance from Region 1 Planning Council staff, led by Director of Community Impact, Jason Holcomb. “We feel very strongly about our review process based on best-practices in funding and look forward to reading what we anticipate to be collaborative innovative proposals,” says Holcomb.

It remains the Board’s intention to renew funding for successful programs and award new proposals to target the expanded priority areas.

The Board anticipates making funding decisions for renewal applications on April 6th and new program funding decisions on May 4th. April 6th for the continued funded programs, and May 4th for the new programs. Awards will be contingent upon the execution of work plans and funding agreements. Program Year 2022-2023 funding will cover June 1, 2022, to May 30, 2023.

Questions can be emailed to [info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us](mailto: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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