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WCCMHB

Winnebago County
Community Mental
Health Board

Mental Health Programs to Extend Operations Via Half-Cent Sales Tax Funding

ROCKFORD, IL — Local mental health programs will extend their operations with additional half-cent sales tax funding. The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) received “continued funding” applications from programs awarded in Program Year 2021 – 2022; and this round of funding by WCCMHB for the Program Year 2022 – 2023 will allocate nearly \$8 million dollars of the \$15 million dollars available.

WCCMHB will fund the following proposals totaling \$7,961,209.02 *contingent upon the execution of funding agreements and work plans.*

Organization	Project	Total Awarded
Children's Home & Aid	Winnebago County Doula Program	\$166,765.00
Children's Home & Aid	Winnebago County EPIC Program	\$353,206.00
City of Rockford	Crisis Co-Response Team	\$1,831,547.21
Crusader Community Health	Crusader Behavioral Health Services Expansion - Continued (PY23)	\$435,658.00
Remedies Renewing Lives	Domestic Violence Therapy & Advocacy Project	\$32,763.00
Rosecrance, Inc.	Rosecrance Access to Care	\$2,827,443.07
Stepping Stones of Rockford, Inc.	Stepping Stones Counseling Center	\$325,913.00
University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford	The CARE Program - Compassionate Appreciation for Recovery in Everyone	\$323,440.74
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office	Winnebago County Jail - Behavioral Health Program	\$1,123,203.00
Youth Services Network Inc.	Youth Trauma Clinic	\$541,270.00

The remaining programs funded in Program Year 2021 – 2022 applied as a “new application” and will be included in the decisions by the WCCMHB at the next board meeting held on May 4, 2022, along with the other “new application” proposals. The Board may award up to \$15 million total for Program Year 2022-2023.

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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