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Winnebago County
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New Mental Health Programs Awarded Via Half-Cent Sales Tax Funding

ROCKFORD, IL — New local mental health programs will be awarded funding through the half-cent sales tax. The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) made the second round of funding selections for new programs for Program Year 2022 – 2023 allocating more than \$6.6 million dollars. WCCMHB received applications for both new and previously awarded programs. The list of all the new applications selected is detailed below.

The announcement of awards to new programs, in addition to the [previously announced](#) continued funding, brings the total funding to more than \$14.6 million dollars for Program Year 2022 – 2023.

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). The Priority Areas include Mental Health Treatment, Case Management, Crisis Response Services, Family & Community Support, Client Identification & Outreach, and Housing. Client Identification & Outreach, and Housing are new priorities established for this funding cycle.

Board President Mary Ann Abate says, “We set out to renew successful programs and award new programs that filled in the gaps from last year and address the new additional Priority Areas of Client Identification and Outreach and Housing. We feel confident that the programs that are being funded are those that best fit the Priority Areas and target populations outlined in our three-year strategic plan based on research and community input.”

The process of finalizing the funding agreements, work plans, and updated budgets for the proposals receiving funding will occur now through June 1st, 2022. Additional announcements will be made in the future after funding agreements and work plans have been finalized. At that time, descriptions of each program will be available.

Questions may be directed to info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us

WCCMHB will fund the following proposals totaling \$6,658,358.17 *contingent upon the execution of funding agreements and work plans.*

Organization	Project	Total Awarded
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	Youth Self-Regulation Program	\$136,300.00
Children's Home & Aid	Winnebago County TRIO Program	\$412,081.00
Circle of Change	Circle of Change (*NEW* First Responder & *NEW* Youth Classes)	\$40,800.96
City of Rockford	Mobile Integrated Health - Mental Health Program	\$2,005,136.28
Crusader Community Health	Crusader Behavioral Health Services Expansion- New (PY23)	\$149,820.00
Family Counseling Service of Northern IL	Service Expansion 2.0	\$232,969.00
Lifescape Community Services, Inc.	Senior Mental Health Program	\$150,000.00
NAMI Northern Illinois	Support, Education, and Mental Health Advocacy	\$222,839.00
OSF Healthcare System dba Saint Anthony Medical Center	OSF Healthcare STRIVE Trauma Recovery Center	\$300,000.00
Regional Access & Mobilization Project, Inc.	Mental Health Services and Training	\$293,593.00
Remedies Renewing Lives	Remedies Renewing Lives Behavioral Health Clinician Project	\$339,792.50
Rockford Park District Foundation	Unique Mental Health services through the development of the Lockwood Indoor Equine Center	\$500,000.00
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	Outreach Therapists	\$75,262.00
Shelter Care Ministries	Jubilee Community Outreach and Housing Stability Program	\$84,300.00
Stepping Stones of Rockford, Inc.	Expansion of supervised housing for adults with SMI	\$500,000.00
Winnebago County	Juvenile Detention Center - Reducing Isolation through Expanded Behavioral Health	\$394,230.00
Winnebago County	Juvenile Resource Intervention Center - Behavioral Health Implementation	\$187,961.00
Winnebago County	Resource Intervention Center (RIC) - Behavioral Health Expansion	\$184,130.00
Winnebago County Health Department	Trauma Informed Community Care Coordination	\$160,569.43
YMCA of Rock River Valley	Protecting Youth Mental Wellness	\$161,634.00
YWCA Northwestern Illinois	Mental Health Crisis Case Manager	\$126,940.00

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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