



**WCCMHB**

Winnebago County  
Community Mental  
Health Board

## **WINNEBAGO COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

### **Program Year 2022 – 2023 (PY23) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

#### Description

The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) is seeking proposals for the purpose of contracting with public or private entities for mental health and substance use services including training and education for Winnebago County residents of all ages. We will prioritize innovative proposals that focus on target populations and that address priority areas, both of which are laid out in the updated WCCMHB Three Year Strategic Plan (released November 2021).

#### PY23 Funding Availability

Up to \$15 million

#### General Funding Information

The WCCMHB will award funding based on target populations and priority areas as laid out in the WCCMHB Three Year Strategic Plan. Applications will be read for the strength of the program and how they fit into the Community Support System framework in Winnebago County, including how they fill gaps or address identified needs. This year, the target populations will include Serious Mental Illness (18+), Serious Emotional Disturbances (3-21), Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (0-5), Substance Use Disorders (all ages). Trauma is included under Serious Mental Illness and Serious Emotional Disturbance. Priority Areas will include Mental Health Treatment, Case Management, Crisis Response Services, Family & Community Support, Client Identification & Outreach, and Housing. The final two categories are additions for PY23.

These proposals could include, but are not limited to, collaborative programming with other organizations/systems, intervention services, building out new/expanded programming, enhancing programs to reach target populations, addressing emergent COVID-related mental health needs, treatment services, increasing supportive housing, and other innovative projects to support community needs. All services must be for Winnebago County residents only.

Services provided must be evidence-based practices, best practices, or promising practices. Please see the Strategic Plan for definitions of these terms.

Capital expenditures specifically related to programs or services requesting community mental health funds should be included in the DIRECT PROGRAM EQUIPMENT budget section of the PY23 Budget Worksheet Template and listed in the appropriate question in the application. The WCCMHB shall consider Capital Expenditures as part of overall program, project, and service requests although service delivery shall take precedent. These kinds of requests must show how they will benefit Winnebago County residents in one of the target populations. Capital expenditure requests should be consistent with an organizations capitalization policy.

Applications will only be accepted through the Foundant grant platform which will be available on the WCCMHB website.



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Who May Apply

- Not-for-Profit Corporations: Must be registered as a not-for-profit in good standing with the State of Illinois and established as a Section 501(c)3 under the Internal Revenue Code\*
- For-Profit Businesses (including properly licensed and insured sole proprietorships and individually-owned LLCs)\*
- Hospitals and health care organizations including Federally Qualified Health Centers\*
- Governmental Entities and Departments within Winnebago County Government\*

\*Lead organization must be established for at least three years prior to applying for funding

Through the funding application and review process, all entities must demonstrate financial accountability, reliability, and stability, as well as appropriate service of value to the persons to be served as determined by the WCCMHB.

Proposal Submission Details

The WCCMHB is using a web-based application system for submission of funding proposal for the program year beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 30, 2023. The submission portal will be available beginning December 1, 2021 and ending January 31st, 2022 at 5:00 pm CST.

For questions related to the funding application, or to sign up for email notifications, please email [info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us](mailto:info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us)

Schedule of Events

November 17, 2021	Convening Organizations for Collaboration* (pre-registration required)
December 1, 2021	Application opens, pre-recorded Grant Seeker’s Meeting** (on YouTube)
December 9, 2021	Grant Q+A session* (pre-registration required)
December 17, 2021	Grant Q+A session* (pre-registration required)
January 31, 2022 5:00 PM CST	Application Closes
April 6, 2022	Board Funding Decisions
June 1 2022 – May 30, 2023	Program Year/Funding Cycle
September 30, 2022; December 31, 2022; March 31, 2023; June 30, 2023	Quarterly Reporting Deadlines

\*Please email [info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us](mailto:info@mentalhealth.wincoil.us) or check the [WCCMHB Funding Resources Page](#) to receive registration information. Sessions will be recorded and subsequently posted to the WCCMHB YouTube.

\*\*Grant Seeker’s Meeting will be released as a recorded video on the [WCCMHB YouTube page](#).



## Evaluation of Proposals

WCCMHB funding decisions are voted on in public board meetings that can be livestreamed on the [WCCMHB YouTube Page](#). Allocation decisions will be based on statutory mandates and community priorities as laid out in the Strategic Plan.

In accordance with the Community Mental Health Act, board members of the WCCMHB have the responsibility to ensure that the standards of services delivered are of the highest degree possible, that they are free from any negative influences caused by conflict of interest situations, and that they contribute to equitable mental health system practices and outcomes in Winnebago County. Board members have a duty to avoid self-serving or conflict of interest situations where by virtue of position or decision-making authority, transactions are allowed to occur which does not serve the best interest of WCCMHB or which give the appearance of, or have the potential for, obtaining a benefit, monetary or otherwise for the individual, family, friends or business associates.

Emphasis will be placed upon the proposal's strength in addressing each of the following criteria within the electronic application:

1. Agency Description
2. Proposal Description
3. Community Support System
4. Proposal Budget
5. Compliance (for returning applicants only)

The WCCMHB Program Year 2022 – 2023 Grant Review Rubric will be used as a guide to reaching funding allocations. WCCMHB reserves the right to not select a provider or to submit a new notice of funding for re-defined services. WCCMHB also reserves the right to enter negotiations with selected providers for all or part of the proposal components based on its selection criteria.

