

RESOLUTION - SUPERMAJORITY

Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Community Health Grant awards from the Department of Health's designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (51)

WHEREAS, the United States Congress took action to provide financial assistance to state and local governments across the United States to both mitigate the financial impacts of COVID-19 as well as stimulate economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments to address the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the County designated ARPA funds for the Department of Health for eligible use projects and must obligate these funds by December 31, 2024, and spend by December 31, 2026, and any unexpended funds must be returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has launched a community health grant initiative to support COVID-19 recovery projects related to the health priorities identified in the 2022 Community Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health, Obesity & Active Living, Diabetes and Access to Care were identified as health priorities in the 2022 McHenry County Community Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, the projects selected meet the Department of Health's mission of the Community Health Grant initiative related to responsible administration of American Rescue Plan funds, investing in sustainable public health improvement projects, and deliver inclusive, innovative, long-term benefits across the county as it recovers and transforms from the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Bronner Group has reviewed the following thirteen Community Health Grant project requests (see Exhibit A) and determined each meets the use case for American Rescue Plan Act funds per the final rule:

- Advocate Health: \$110,000 to support positive changes at McHenry Food Pantries.
- Warp Corps: \$70,000 to purchase a van to support Access to Care.
- Cycling Without Age: \$43,000 to cover equipment, insurance, maintenance to support growth in recreational rides for seniors to reduce social isolation and loneliness.
- Veteran's Path to Hope: \$93,000 to assist veterans to lose weight, engage in healthy eating/exercise, and come to understand the factors contributing to their obesity status and lack of self-care.
- Advocate Health: \$27,000 to train health care professionals in Narcan distribution and education.
- NAMI, Suicide Prevention Taskforce: \$98,000 to conduct a robust suicide prevention campaign, train those who work with high-risk individuals, and implement support groups.
- Advocate Health: \$20,500 to conduct heart health program at McHenry County food pantries.
- Family Health Partnership Clinic: \$182,386 to provide an intensive program for patients who have complex diagnoses with an emphasis on diabetes.
- Cultivating Health Ministries: \$145,342 to provide health screenings in faith communities in McHenry County.
- Home of the Sparrow: \$50,000 to provide on-site counseling and crisis intervention for the Transitional Shelter.

- Community Health Partnership of Illinois: \$52,932 to provide a Diabetes Self-Management Program at the Harvard Health Center.
- New Directions: \$52,840 to conduct a Connect to Recovery program in local hospitals.
- Youth and Family Center of McHenry County: \$270,000 to expand the mental health programming for youth and adults in McHenry County.

WHEREAS, the resolution has been reviewed by the Board of Health and the Public Health and Community Services and Finance and Audit committees of the County Board, and is being recommended to the County Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes the Community Health Grant awards from the Department of Health's designated ARPA funds as follows:

Revenue:	099100-91-90-9000-221	\$ <u>1,215,000</u>
Expenditures:		
Contractual	443500-40-90-9000-221	\$ 1,215,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer, County Treasurer, County Administrator, and Public Health Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 16th day of July, A.D., 2024.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Community Health Grant awards from the Department of Health's designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (51)

Board / Committee Action Requested: Authorize the selected Community Health Grant awards from the Department of Health's designated ARPA funds.

Background and Discussion: The Department of Health is providing community health grants using ARPA funds for eligible use projects to address the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications for grant funding were submitted by eligible agencies in McHenry County. The Bronner Group assisted the Department of Health in reviewing the applications to help identify the projects that best met the US Department of Treasury criteria and have the potential to have a long-lasting impact and diverse benefit towards McHenry County's public health priorities.

Exhibit A (see attached) summarizes the application requests. Funding for these projects is reimbursable after up-front expenses are paid for by the applicants and proof of payment is submitted through the County's internal control procedures. Payments will be made through the County's Accounts Payable module in Dynamics 365.

Impact on Human Resources: None

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits): Distribution of \$1,215,000 from the Department of Health's designated ARAP funds (Special Revenue Fund: 221- American Rescue Plan Fund)

Impact on Capital Expenditures: None

Impact on Physical Space: None

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies: Funding community agencies to implement projects to address community health priorities

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan: Yes