



Consumer Credit Counseling Service
of Northern Illinois

August 8, 2024

McHenry County Mental Health Board
Board of Directors
620 Dakota St
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

To the MHB Board of Directors:

I am humbly writing to request the MHB Board of Directors accept Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois' application for funding for Mental Wellness through Financial Hardship Counseling in draft form. When completing our applications for funding, I failed to click 'submit' on this second program request, although the application was complete, and all documentation was uploaded to the portal.

McHenry County Mental Health Board was one of the initial funders of our agency in 1982, as the MHB understood that financial worries were significantly associated with high psychological distress. We have continued to be funded by our county's Mental Health Board since our first year, and the funding provides us with the capacity to help residents of all demographics. Our agency does rely on this funding to help our clients with their budgeting, credit and housing needs.

If the MHB Board of Directors does not accept our application for this funding in its draft form, Consumer Credit Counseling Service would not be able to serve the large number of clients in McHenry County that come to us for help with their financial struggles. This could be devastating for our potential clients, as often, we are the lifeline for keeping McHenry County residents in their homes through our financial counseling program.

I hope that you will find approve acceptance of our application draft so that we may continue to provide this essential service to the residents of McHenry County.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my appeal on behalf of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois. Please contact me at your convenience with any questions.

Sincerely,

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