

#5 - New Mental Health

Beth Clay requesting

Total cost \$180,000/ requesting \$90,000

Website design and improvements

1. **Could you help the commission understand what specifically you are requesting to fund when you stated “design improvements”? Is this a new product or are you looking for funding to assist with routine site updates for the next 3 years?**

To be very clear, we are NOT asking to fund our maintenance fee or routine updates that are always covered under our annual maintenance fee. Those expenses are covered and sustainable under different funding sources.

These new features and content improvements are one-time and do not require further funding to maintain. The 3-year plan is to design and add **“While You Wait” Resource Page** – create a listing of what services and supports are available while waiting for appointments (waitlists: 2mo-18mo.), **Decision Tree** for “What mental health/substance use services do I need right now?”, **local “Grief & Loss Resources, YouTube video** showing healthy coping and support. **Glossary of Mental Health Providing Professionals**- differentiating a psychiatrist vs a psychologist vs. a counselor vs. a peer specialist... **Parents seeking support for children and teens, role of peer support** in mental health and substance use recovery, **Directory of Peer Support Specialists and Recovery Coaches** in NE Wisconsin, service directory all agencies offering **support groups, Strong Minds 4 Men** and access to culturally specific education and providers.

2. **Your request asked for \$30,00/year for 3 years, if these are continued updates/improvements, how will they be funded after those 3 years?**

These content improvements are one-time, permanent and sustainable and do not require further funding to maintain, making them a great fit for the spirit and intention of ARPA funding. The cost is for the original curation of the high-quality content, design work and integration into the website. Once it is part of the site, its upkeep is covered under the (already funded) annual maintenance fee.

3. #6 - Nova Counseling

Jody Willeford, jody@novaoshkosh.com

\$2,000,000/ requesting \$500,00

Terra Expansion Project – Transitional living space for clients

Assisting 10-30 clients within Winnebago County

#8 - Solutions Recovery

Trevor Fenrich

Total \$1,100,000/ request: \$500,000

1. **Could you please share the number of individuals served in 2022 that are residents of Oshkosh vs. those in surrounding cities in Winn. Co, not including the city of Oshkosh.**

Of the 59 folks we served in 2022, 46 were from Winnebago county:

- *Neenah: 9*
- *Oshkosh 24*
- *Winneconne: 3*
- *Menasha: 11*

2. **Could you please share if and how this project differs from the project that received funding from the Neighborhood Investment Grant?**

The projects funded by the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant expanded our main (non-residential) recovery center to be more inclusive of folks with mobility concerns. The recovery center houses our main programming for peer support and community support groups as well as our volunteer run coffee counter. All of this will remain at Solutions Recovery Center. The other part of the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant was to expand our housing program to meet the need presented by the community we serve. We consistently exhibit a lengthy waitlist and the NIFG has allowed us to meet the growing demand for transitional living and beyond - tackling an issue that we have been faced with due to the housing crisis.

As we reflect on our mission and consider the Spirit Fund, it becomes clear that we need to do more for the residents of Winnebago County. One of the most pressing issues we have faced as an organization is the limited availability of safe and supportive environments for individuals who are seeking help in the treatment or recovery process. This "right now" approach is different than our traditional housing model. We believe that every person deserves a safe haven where they can recover, heal, and receive support. Unfortunately, this is not always the reality for many individuals we serve, and it is a significant barrier to their success in their recovery journey. That is why we are excited to share that we are currently pursuing the acquisition of a property that will allow us to meet this urgent need. These folks typically need further intervention such as inpatient treatment before they can be accepted into one of our transitional homes (but that is not always the case). Due to the size of the facility, it will very likely be a multipurpose space.

With the property at 204 Algoma, we will be able to offer emergency respite to those in need of a safe environment throughout the treatment and recovery process. This would be a critical addition to our existing services and provide a much-needed resource to individuals who would otherwise have to turn to unhealthy living environments that are not supportive. This is a crucial and needed cog in the system within our county. We are committed to providing support to those who are struggling to gain independence over their lives, and we believe that this property will be instrumental in doing so. We currently don't offer this type of programming, and with the Spirit Fund, we could acquire the property to facilitate this and become a more sustainable organization.

#29 - First 5 Fox Valley

Barb Tengesdal, Director@firstfivefoxvalley.org

Heath Dept will lead this project?

Total \$450,000/ request: \$300,000

1. Is the request to fund existing positions or to add a new position for 3 years?

This would be to add new navigator funding for 3 years. We currently do not have any navigators located and primarily serving in Winnebago County, and see a great need to start up our community partnership model in the communities within the county borders. We have community partners with embedded HMG work in Green Lake & Marquette (Children's Wi), Waushara (CAP Services), Waupaca (Waupaca Co. Health) and Shawano (Family Services). In Outagamie & Calumet (Leaven, Family Services-Welcome Baby, VPI- for Early Intervention). Child care programs in Winnebago county are supported by

2. Your request stated the Navigator(s) would be integrated into other programs' budgets, is this a new concept or how First 5 Fox Valley currently operates?

First 5 Fox Valley runs the Help Me Grow program using a community partnership model. We have found it takes about 3 years for "seed funding" from our grants to start up the embedded HMG navigator work, then the organizations see the value and add it into their existing budget. F5FV does not employ the navigators- but the local organizations do. They become part of the HMG team and all work together to support families. As an example- if a non-English speaking family with young children comes to Leaven for economic support- they are sent to Martha -an employee that works for Casa Hispana/Leaven and about 5-8 hours a week for F5FV and Help Me Grow. Martha talks with the family, giving support and then works with the other navigators on the team to find the best resources. Example- if a child is delayed- Martha talks with Amy at Early Intervention to get them screened. If the family could use home visitation, she works with Priscilla at Family Services. If the family needs to find out what school district they are in, she can look up in the resource directory by zip code and get them connected. It is like a power grid of support.

In Winnebago County, we could see this HMG Navigator either as 1 full-time position that is a "community navigator" working with child care, healthcare referrals, school districts and new places families are at that currently are getting any support for their young children. We could also break up the full-time role into several sub-contracts to agencies- like Head Start, or Boy's and Girls Club, or Father Carr and embed the navigator work within those systems. We would do some organizational partner conversations to decide the best fit for the HMG navigator work.

#33 - St Vincent de Paul Neenah/Menasha

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Total cost: \$970,196 requesting \$970,196

Clarifying that the request is for Spirit to fund the full amount? Is the request to cover solely renovation costs? Or both the cost of the building AND renovation?

We did ask for the budgeted amount of the purchase and renovation. The amount asked for would fund the entire project as planned. Please let me know if there is anything else that we could answer.

#38 - Fox Valley Data Exchange

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Total \$1,050,000/ request \$250,000-300,000

1. **Is data specific to the 3 counties?** Yes, The Fox Valley Data Exchange, based in Menasha, WI, is focused on data for Winnebago, Calumet, and Outagamie Counties. We are raising \$1,050,000 for our project launch and are asking for \$300,000 from the Spirit Fund. Doug Gieryn, Winnebago County Public Health Director, has recently joined the Fox Valley Data Exchange Board of Directors. This is one way to ensure that Winnebago County makes full use of what Fox Valley Data Exchange has to offer.
2. **Is there financial support via ARPA funding or other govt. support from Calumet/Outagamie counties?** We are currently pursuing ARPA funding from both Calumet and Outagamie Counties.

#40 - Tri-County Dental

Sandy Drexler, sdrexler@tricitydental.org

\$807,250/\$403,625

1. **The commission was a bit unclear as to what is specifically being asked for, can you please confirm this is the scope of the items you are requesting to be funded?**
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2. **Questions arose as to why Winnebago County should consider funding 1/2 of the project if it will serve 3 counties, could you elaborate?**

We believe that the health and well-being of all Fox Valley residents are very closely linked. Because of our close geographic proximity, families often live in one county and work and play in another. What benefits our neighbor will ultimately benefit us all. Winnebago County residents comprise about 40% of all Tri-County Dental patients, even though the fixed-site clinic is not located in Winnebago County. Tri-County Dental's mobile clinic provides care at their schools to children in 25 Winnebago County schools, removing barriers to them getting care and allowing them to spend more time in the classroom. In 2022, 46% of the children receiving care on the mobile clinic go to school in Winnebago County.

#55 - Christine Ann

Emily James

\$6,300,000/ Request \$750,000

3. **Could you please share the number of individuals served in 2022 that are residents of Oshkosh vs. those in surrounding cities in Winn. Co, not including the city of Oshkosh.**

In 2022, we served 621 clients overall. Of those, 498 were from Winnebago County overall, 286 were from the City of Oshkosh, and 212 were from surrounding cities in Winn. Co. not including the city of Oshkosh. On average, 80% of our clients annually are from Winnebago County (45% from the City of Oshkosh, 22% from Neenah/Menasha, and 13% from other areas).

#58 - Pillars

(Lisa Strandberg -CEO), Alona Boots aboost@pillarsinc.org

\$215,405/ \$50,000

To address overdue and underfunded maintenance for the 16 Ascend units that are home to 25 households. Program units are dedicated to housing Ascend participants while the remainder of the units are rented out below market rate.

Of those 25 households, how many are Winnebago County residents?

While Pillars serves households across the tri-county area, the funds applied for in Pillars' Winnebago Spirit Fund application would be restricted to Ascend (both program and non-program units) located in Neenah. Therefore, all 25 households (totaling 38 people as of today) are Winnebago County residents.

#65 - People of Progression

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Total cost: \$60,000/ request \$50,000

Is the building owned by POP or is the organization leasing the property?

People of Progression has embarked upon a long-term lease agreement of 5,000 sq/ft at 333 1st St, in Menasha, understanding that we can purchase the building when we are in a position to do so. Our relationship with the building owner is strong, and if the Spirit Commission needs any additional information in writing, we could provide that if needed.

The lease is for three years, and it is in our lease agreement that we have the first right to purchase the property. Both the current building owner and P.O.P. want this to be our organization's forever home. They believe in our mission and will not show or sell to anyone else unless we say we no longer want to rent and purchase the building. Again, if there is anything we or the building owner can do to show in writing for the Spirit Commission to make it an allowable expense, we are all willing to work together to accomplish that if there is a way.