

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: 1/09/2024
FROM: Winnebago County Executive's Office
RE: \$500,000 Grant for NOVA Counseling Services Expansion

General Description:

A grant to support NOVA Counseling Services expansion of facilities in the amount of \$500,000.

Action Requested:

Approve a \$500,000 Spirit Fund Grant for NOVA Counseling to expand current facilities.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction: ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission Meeting date: 12/14/2023

Background:

Nova Counseling Services is a State of Wisconsin-licensed provider of medically monitored residential treatment for people suffering from substance use disorders. The mission is to provide the highest quality care at the lowest possible cost to clients and their families. Treatment at Nova is for individuals who have lost control of their lives and need a safe, structured environment in which to learn about their disease. At Nova, therapy is provided to change the behaviors that accompany substance use. Compassionate, dedicated staff include many individuals who have been personally impacted by substance use disorders.

Nova provides treatment in a variety of ways, including Nova's 28-day residential program, 90-day transitional program (Terra Program), Family Program and outpatient aftercare.

For over four decades, Nova has been grounded in the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous® philosophy and believes it is the surest way to recover from the disease. Education about the illness, knowledge of the 12 Steps, and caring feedback are the cornerstones for change.

Policy Discussion:

The commission has recognized Government Identified Community Projects that support or enhance county services:

- 1) Winnebago County uses Medicaid, state, federal, and levy dollars to fund treatment for individuals who qualify, through the STAR Program. Without expanded services at Nova Counseling, the county spends more resources out of county and individuals cannot find adequate treatment.
- 2) Nova Counseling Services serves as the residential program provides treatment for 40-50 people at a time, suffering from substance use disorders with the fundamental tools of recovery.
- 3) \$500,000 would equal 26% of the total project cost to renovate and expand current facilities.

Attachments:

Resolution
Spirit Fund Application