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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$75,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified**
4 **Community Projects Category to NEW Mental Health Connection to Implement**
5 **Innovative Features in the Service Directory and Update Technology and Website**
6 **Content**

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8 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

9 **WHEREAS**, NEW Mental Health Connection provides online and easily accessible resources that enhance
10 and work to direct community members to county services including Public Health, Human Services, Sheriff's Office,
11 and others; and

12 **WHEREAS**, NEW Mental Health Connection has seen usage and need skyrocket during and in the wake of
13 the pandemic; and

14 **WHEREAS**, with an average of 48 visits per day to the Men's Self-Care Toolkit, over 560 people have
15 watched stories related to mental health issues among men in the previous reporting period; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Crisis Services page was accessed over 1500 times in 2020 and the number was doubled in
17 2023.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$75,000 from
19 the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to NEW Mental Health Connection to
20 implement innovative features in the Service Directory and update technology and website content for NEW Mental
21 Health Connection.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the
23 project, NEW Mental Health Connection will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance
24 Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the
25 project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that NEW Mental Health
27 Connection shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are
28 determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is
29 required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or
30 misappropriation.

31 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$75,000 will be authorized for use from the*
32 *Spirit Fund.*

33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

35 Commission Vote:

36 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2024.

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40 Jonathan D. Doemel
41 Winnebago County Executive