

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Emily Jacobson, Vice-Chair Megan Borchardt, Supervisor Pat Hopkins, Supervisor Pat Evans
Excused: Supervisor Barbara Avery
Also Present: HHS Executive Director Jeremy Kral, ADRC Director Devon Christianson, Syble Hopp School Administrator Kim Pahlow, Public Health Officer Anna Nick, CTC Hospital and Nursing Home Administrator Kara Gruber, HHS Finance Director Eric Johnson, Community Services Administrator Jenny Hoffman, and other interested parties

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emily Jacobson at 5:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to take Items 22, 20, and 21 after Comments from the Public. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of January 25 & March 15, 2023 (special).**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public:

Allison Sedmak, 219 East River Drive, #7, De Pere, WI – Not a lobbyist.

Sedmak is a student at Medical College of Wisconsin and provided input as to the allocation of opioid relief funds from a medical point of view and spoke in favor of spending money on evidence-based treatment.

Logan Pearson, 4551 Trellis Drive, B-1, De Pere, WI – Not a lobbyist.

Pearson agreed with everything Sedmak stated and talked about several of the harm reduction things that have been shown to work. He also spoke in favor of spending money on evidence-based treatment. See *attached handout*.

Although shown in the proper format here, Items 22, 20 & 21 were taken at this time.

Consent Agenda

1. **Minutes of Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County Board of December 15, 2022.**
2. **Minutes of Board of Health of November 15, 2022.**
3. **Minutes of Children with Disabilities Education Board of December 15, 2022.**
4. **Minutes of Human Services Board of January 12 and February 9, 2023.**
5. **Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Services.**
 - a. **February 2023.**
 - b. **March 2023.**
6. **Statistical Reports.**
 - a) **Monthly CTC Data – January & February 2023.**
 - i. **Bay Haven Crisis Diversion.**
 - ii. **Nicolet Psychiatric Center.**
 - iii. **Bayshore Village (Nursing Home).**
 - iv. **CTC Double Shifts.**

- b) **Child Protective Services – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
 - a) **December 2022.**
 - b) **January & February 2023.**
- c) **Monthly Contract Update.**
 - a) **February 2023.**
 - b) **March 2023.**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-6. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7. **Request for New Non-Contracted and Contracted Providers.**
 - a. **February 2023.**
 - b. **March 2023.**

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8. **Audit of Bills.**

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Veterans

- 9. **Director's Report.**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aging & Disability Resource Center

- 10. **Director's Report.**

ADRC Director Devon Christianson provided the most-recent ADRC Magazine, a copy of which can be viewed on the ADRC website. She mentioned she went to St. Germain recently to see the food truck which is due to be driven to Green Bay on March 31. Christianson continued that they have been awarded the Independent Living grant which means starting in July there will be an additional program where families can get up to \$7,200 per person in case management services to help them stay independent in the community. ADRC staff is also working on helping people through the process of losing Medicaid eligibility. Christianson also talked about Disability Advocacy Day and Aging Advocacy Day and how the ADRC will be a presence in Madison to talk about things in the Governor's budget, including ADRC reinvestment.

Christianson concluded by talking about Volunteer Week and the value of volunteers and noted that over \$700,000 worth of work has been done by over 300 volunteers at the ADRC.

Syble Hopp

- 11. **Director's Report.**

Syble Hopp Administrator Kim Pahlow distributed invitations to the biennial celebration. She also talked about Camp Week which is coming up in May as well as the upcoming open house on May 20.

Pahlow concluded by announcing she will be retiring at the end of June and the Board is already looking for her replacement. Her heart is full from her time at Syble Hopp and the decision was difficult.

Health & Human Services (HHS) Department

12. Executive Director's Reports.

a) February 2023.

b) March 2023.

Health and Human Services Executive Director Jeremy Kral hit the highlights of the February and March 2023 reports included in the agenda packet. He noted Governor Evers has targeted behavioral health in the executive budget with nearly \$500 million dollars of requested new spending in the areas of alleviating the statewide shortage of psychiatrists and mental health providers and increasing support for peer run community based services around the state. Kral also noted the administration and the legislature have publicly indicated some opportunities for the state budget process to change what is in the executive budget. Kral and at least one other leader from his department will be going to Madison for Human Services Day on April 12.

Kral also talked about a congressional directed spending request that was approved and is currently in the federal budget. There is an application process with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to make the dollars available and this will come back to this Committee for acceptance in the form of a budget adjustment. Kral explained there are underserved people in the community that HHS is not aware of until they experience crisis. The idea is to have a dedicated person in a one year pilot role actively seek underserved people and capture data on the relative value of outreach to the underserved population and how that impacts their likelihood to ultimately need to access crisis services. At this time this is informational only, but if all goes well with the federal application process and it is supported locally, implementation could begin in October.

Kral concluded by talking briefly about the implementation of the referral and sign on bonus program that was approved through the ARPA process for positions that are difficult to recruit for. He anticipates bringing a proposed policy to the next meeting.

Action Items including Proposed Resolutions, Ordinances, and Budget Adjustments

- 13. Budget Adjustment Request (23-085): Reallocation of more than 10% of the funds originally appropriated between any of the levels of appropriation.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 14. Budget Adjustment Request (23-086): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 15. Resolution Regarding Table of Organization Change for the Health & Human Services Department – Community Services Division – Clerk IV/Data Controls.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 16. Resolution Regarding Table of Organization Change for the Health & Human Services Department – Community Services Division – Criminal Justice Unit.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 17. Resolution Regarding Table of Organization Change for the Health & Human Services Department – Community Services Division – Shelter Care Supervisors.**

Motion made by Supervisor Hopkins, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. **Resolution Regarding Table of Organization Change for the Health & Human Services Department – Community Treatment Center Division – LPN Positions.**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. **Resolution Regarding Table of Organization Change for the Health & Human Services Department – Community Treatment Center Division – MDS RN.**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. **Discussion and possible action regarding Opioid Abatement Plan.**

Kral provided a draft of the initial plan and a summary (attached) and spoke to it. He noted this is an early stage plan and each of the elements would require further action by the Board. If the Committee supports the plan as it stands, Kral would like a motion in support and directing staff to continue with each of the elements.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to approve the Brown County Health & Human Services Opioid Mitigation Plan with the direction for staff to continue accordingly with the plan. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**
a) **Review and approve grant applications.**

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

22. **Communication from Supervisor Evans re: As Brown County has contributed to ASPIRO in the past, I would like to have a discussion at the Human Services Committee to see if there are any available funds and how much the contribution would be (not to exceed \$25,000.00). This will go toward the replacement of vans and/or rental of vans.**

Supervisor Evans requested staff from ASPIRO come forward to speak. He wants to make sure the people of Brown County understand the strong partnership the county has had with ASPIRO for a number of years and to remember that our clients in Brown County are ASPIRO's clients. What happened with the busses at ASPIRO greatly impacts our clients and was a travesty and Evans wants to be sure any disruption in services due to the loss of the busses is minimal. He feels the county should be able to find \$25,000 to give to ASPIRO, which is the organization taking care of our clients. ASPIRO could put these funds towards rental or purchase of vans or busses.

Nicole Hoffmann, Vice President of Development – ASPIRO, 1673 Dousman St., Green Bay
Hoffman talked about the fire that occurred on February 28 that completely destroyed four of the five busses. They are waiting to hear if the fifth bus can be repaired. Currently they are using a loaner bus and Oneida Transit has also been donating shuttle services. All options are being vetted, but Hoffman noted minibusses are hard to find and have doubled in cost in the last three years. Two busses have already been ordered, but they do not have a delivery date yet. There has been a lot of community support and Hoffmann noted the estimate to replace all five minibusses is about \$500,000. They currently have an estimate from insurance of about \$106,000.

Katie Doble, Vice President of Services – ASPIRO, 1673 Dousman St., Green Bay.
Doble explained the busses are used for transportation to support employment sites as well as the

Building Full Lives program and for recreational programs. She estimated about 200 clients are impacted by the loss of the busses.

Supervisor Hopkins asked how the clients at ASPIRO have been impacted by the fire. Doble responded it was emotionally upsetting for them to see the burned busses and they had to cancel trips the first week following the fire which was hard as clients were not able to socialize and go places with their friends.

Kral noted ultimately the County Board has discretion over spending and he would see this taking the form of a budget adjustment and then they would seek to identify potential savings in other funds. The \$25,000 would be spending that is not otherwise accounted for that would need to come from other lines, but Kral acknowledged it is a relatively small allocation across the relatively large budget. Evans pointed out there are many open positions that will result in salary savings that could be put toward this. Kral responded they can bring back a package that can be successful if that is the will of the Board. For context, Kral noted the majority of the ongoing current direct work between the departments is in the Birth to Three program that does not use the vans a lot; the majority of the van usage is by consumers whose funding is supported through the State Managed Care System under Family Care and IRIS.

Jacobson asked if a layer could be added that if Human Services cannot find the \$25,000 that it can be funded through ARPA and then go to Executive Committee for approval. Kral responded that would alleviate the issue of pulling funding from other areas.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to have Brown County provide ASPIRO with \$25,000 of ARPA funds, leaving it up to them on how funds will be used, i.e., new vans or rentals, etc. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

23. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.

Public Health Officer Anna Nick provided a brief update regarding the Wind Siting Council who has informed her they have started meeting again. They have a group of three students doing a project to review the literature since the last report in 2014 and will be doing an analysis that is due in 2024. The focus will be on peer reviewed scientific papers and any policy changes will come from that review.

No action required.

24. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Hopkins to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Loehlein
Legislative Specialist

Detox is not effective.

- See Wakeman et Al., 2020: study of 40 885 adults with opioid use disorder that compared 6 different treatment pathways
 - “Treatment with buprenorphine or methadone was associated with a 32% relative rate of reduction in serious opioid-related acute care use at 3 months and a 26% relative rate of reduction at 12 months compared with no treatment. In contrast, detoxification, intensive behavioral health, and naltrexone treatment were not associated with reduced overdose or serious opioid-related acute care use at 3 or 12 months.”
 - See Table 2, Figure 1

Opioid agonist therapy (OAT) needs to be a pillar of treatment, including for individuals who are incarcerated.

- See Santo et Al., 2021: meta-analysis of 36 primary cohort studies (749,634 participants) and 15 randomized control trials (3852 participants)
 - “There was lower risk of suicide (RR, 0.48; 95% CI, 0.37-0.61), cancer (RR, 0.72; 95% CI, 0.52-0.98), drug-related (RR, 0.41; 95% CI, 0.33-0.52), alcohol-related (RR, 0.59; 95% CI, 0.49-0.72), and cardiovascular-related (RR, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.60-0.79) mortality during OAT. In the first 4 weeks of methadone treatment, rates of all-cause mortality and drug-related poisoning were more than double the rates during the remainder of OAT (RR, 2.81; 95% CI, 1.55-5.09) but not for buprenorphine (RR, 0.58; 95% CI, 0.18-1.85). All-cause mortality was 6 times higher in the 4 weeks after OAT cessation (RR, 6.01; 95% CI, 4.32-8.36), remaining double the rate for the remainder of time not receiving OAT (RR, 1.81; 95% CI, 1.50-2.18). Opioid agonist treatment was associated with a lower risk of mortality during incarceration (RR, 0.06; 95% CI, 0.01-0.46) and after release from incarceration (RR, 0.09; 95% CI, 0.02-0.56).”

Harm reduction is missing from the plan and has a huge role in linking people with substance use disorders to treatment. The current plan misses this opportunity. All of these services could be provided concurrent at the same locations.

- Sterile Syringe Programs
 - See CDC Summary and Supporting Studies
 - “Syringe services programs (SSPs) are proven and effective community-based prevention programs that can provide a range of services, including access to and disposal of sterile syringes and injection equipment, vaccination, testing, and linkage to infectious disease care and substance use treatment.^{8, 11} SSPs reach people who inject drugs, an often hidden and marginalized population. Nearly 30 years of research has shown that comprehensive SSPs are safe, effective, and cost-saving, do not increase illegal drug use or crime, and play an important role in reducing the transmission of viral hepatitis, HIV and other infections.^{11,12} Research shows that new users of SSPs are five times more likely to enter drug treatment and about three times more likely to stop using drugs than those who don’t use the programs.¹³ SSPs that provide naloxone also help

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decrease opioid overdose deaths. SSPs protect the public and first responders by facilitating the safe disposal of used needles and syringes.”

- Naloxone (Narcan) Access
 - See Wheeler et Al., 2012
 - A nation-wide study found that more than 80% of overdose reversals with naloxone in the U.S. were carried out by individuals who also use drugs.
 - See Banjo et Al., 2014
 - An observational study of a naloxone distribution program in British Columbia recorded the distribution of 836 naloxone kits to people who use drugs and 85 reported overdose reversals from among those trained and equipped with naloxone by the program, indicating that at least one in every ten kits distributed had saved a life.
- Fentanyl Test Strips
 - See Goldman et Al., 2019 study on young adults and fentanyl test strips
 - Positive FTS results led some participants to alter their drug use behaviors, including discarding their drug supply, using with someone else, and keeping naloxone nearby. Participants also reported giving FTS to friends who they felt were at high risk for fentanyl exposure. About half of the participants from each group who received a positive test result reported altering the way they use drugs.
- Improved communication
 - See Javed et. al. Syringe Services Programs, pg 12
 - Regularly interacting with an SSP improves communication between users and support programs. SSP Coordinator in New Mexico comments that in addition to providing syringes, SSPs encourage users to talk about barriers or other issues they're having.

Stigma reduction is one of the most important aspects of prevention. This should be considered at all times.

- See Stein et. al, Table 2, 2017 Examining Adverse Childhood Experience: Effects Among Persons with OUD
 - Almost half of female opioid users had been sexually molested before the age of 18, over half of users had a parent who used in the home and nearly half reported often being repeatedly put down, humiliated, or physically threatened as children. One in 4 had a household member go to prison.
- See Wang et. al. 2019, a large review (121 sources) of available literature on SUDs genetic susceptibility
 - Pg 4., Twin and adoption studies have historically suggested strong heritability of SUDs and now, molecular genetic approaches show that specific addiction-related behaviors are associated with specific genes
 - Pg 5., Opioid use disorders have the highest heritability among all substance use disorders (SUDs)

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Money generated from any Opioid Settlement funded programs should be kept separate from general budget, and use of these funds should be strictly limited to re-investing in programs shown to be effective in preventing opioid use disorders and/ or opioid overdose.

Long-term sustainability and support are crucial, but all the programs do not necessarily need to be budgeted for 10 years.

- If funding is properly utilized and impactful, future funding from other sources will be attainable.
- A stronger initial investment in the community may have a larger impact than a smaller one each year.

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Brown County Health and Human Services Opioid Mitigation Plan (Initial) February 2023

The Health and Human Services Department (HHS) was actively engaged in collaborative planning that contributed to the resolution to appropriate opioid settlement funds recently adopted by the Brown County Board. The resolution would allocate resources necessary for HHS to proceed with taking significant actions to address the scourge of fentanyl and opioids in our county, the presence of which is consistent with what is seen throughout the state and across the nation.

In the process of preparing this plan, HHS has reviewed allowable uses of the funding, held community listening sessions, attended Wisconsin Counties Association opioid summits, consulted with other counties, reviewed information from Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, and gathered information from a variety of other sources. Based on the available information, HHS leaders believe it is prudent to focus on activities broadly grouped into three pillars: prevention, treatment and recovery/aftercare.

In the category of prevention, HHS would apply allocated resources to first contract with a consultant to assess the needs and resources in our community, specifically offering input that may identify root causes and opportunities. For example, the assessment will help identify existing service gaps and potentially highlight and promote existing resources to address them. The proposal allocates \$75,000 in 2023; \$25,000 toward the community assessment and \$50,000 for ongoing prevention/awareness activities. This \$50,000 base figure is applied each year going forward, with a 3% inflationary adjustment each year. An example of prevention/awareness activities includes producing and distributing educational materials in partnership with organizations such as: schools, large employers, health partners, etc. to continue to get the word out and prevent opioid use and abuse in our county.

In the category of treatment, HHS proposes two interventions. The first is to add one clinician with appropriate licensure to provide mental health therapy as well as substance use counseling. It is well established that there are often links between trauma, mental health needs, and drug use. Therefore supporting recovery from drug use frequently involves concurrent mental health treatment. The allocation reflects one additional clinician at the current salary midpoint for the role, as well as fringe benefits. A 2.5% inflationary factor is included. This role will also generate an indeterminate amount of revenue by billing insurance and Medicaid as appropriate.

The second proposed intervention is to conduct a competitive grant process for an annually-renewable grant to an entity willing to build or expand an opioid-capable, non-hospital detox setting in Brown County. In community listening sessions, a theme arose that withdrawal symptoms and fear itself were preventing some



affected people from entering treatment. A detox setting that can manage the symptoms of opioid withdrawal would fill a gap that currently exists in our community. The proposal allocates \$50,000 each year for 10 years, which would help offset startup and operational costs, incentivizing a private sector provider to establish and operate a facility meeting this need. The intention would be for this grant to remain in place annually, provided parameters approved by the County Board are met.

In the final category recovery/aftercare, HHS proposes allocating opioid settlement funding toward Sober Living capacity. Sober Living provides case management, linkage to additional services, and drug-free transitional living to people early in their recovery. There are a number of real-life factors when a person starts to build a sober life after using illegal, addictive, dangerous drugs. In order to be successful, a person needs to not only remain drug-free themselves, but to develop new relationships and social supports, and build skills that help them maintain sobriety. Sober Living settings provide a buffer that many recovering people need in order to successfully make the change from using to not using. The proposed funding uses a base of \$60,000 for 2023, which would support 10-12 additional people in recovery. A 6% inflationary factor is applied each year, due to increasing costs of rental space and labor.

Brown County Health and Human Services											
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	10-year Total
Prevention (Public Health)											
Community Analysis and Report	25,000										25,000
Ongoing Prevention/Awareness Activities	50,000	51,500	53,045	54,636	56,275	57,964	59,703	61,494	63,339	65,239	573,194
Treatment											
Clinical Treatment Professional-Salary	71,219	72,999	74,824	76,695	78,612	80,578	82,592	84,657	86,773	88,943	797,894
Fringe	25,140	25,769	26,413	27,073	27,750	28,444	29,155	29,884	30,631	31,397	281,656
Grant to Incentivize Local Non-Hospital Detox											
RFP to offer renewable grant to provide opioid-capable non-hospital detox	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	500,000
Recovery/Aftercare											
Sober Living (Capacity 10-12 new clients)	60,000	63,600	67,416	71,461	75,749	80,294	85,111	90,218	95,631	101,369	790,848
											\$2,968,592



2023 American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Community Grants Recommendations to the Human Services Committee of the Brown County Board

Overview:

In 2023, the Brown County Human Services Committee and Brown County Board again allocated \$1 million dollars of federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be distributed through a grant process to local non-profit organizations to benefit the pandemic recovery efforts of the county and its residents. One of Brown County's many strengths is a vibrant non-profit service community, and response to this opportunity was strong. 44 grant applications were received, representing 39 organizations. The number of applications received was just over 10% greater in 2023 than in 2022.

This year's respondents tended to seek to fill gaps supporting the basic needs of our community. Youth mental health support, especially broad-based proactive measures, was another key area of strong responses. Substance use recovery projects were more strongly represented in 2023. Finally, a theme that was common between 2022 responses and 2023 was expanding availability of affordable childcare necessary to support individuals and families returning to the workforce and rebuilding capacity lost due to the pandemic.

It does appear that the announcement was well publicized in the community based on the variety of organizations and responses. Respondent organizations were diverse in size, scope, populations served, and organization type. Many of the organizations whose proposals scored the highest are local, relatively small organizations. Some of the organizations recommended are local branches or sites of larger organizations. Regardless of the size or structure of the organizations, the recommended proposals (and subsequent funding) are all dedicated specifically to Brown County projects and the needs within our community.

Proposals were evaluated and scored by a committee of Health and Human Services Department leaders. The county Internal Auditor observed the proposal scoring and evaluation process. The committee applied the scoring criteria as approved by the Human Services Committee, which was as follows:

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| • Project Overview – Overall Scope of the project and desired outcome | 30 percent |
| • Project Impact – Benefit to the targeted population | 30 percent |
| • Project Monitoring – Plans to meet program requirements | 20 percent |
| • Financial Management & Controls – Explanation of accounting & reporting | 20 percent |

*Eligible applicants with an average annual operating budget less than \$1 million received a 5% positive adjustment to their score.

Total Possible: 100 percent

Recommended Grant Recipients:

In order to fund the projects that presented with the highest scores, adjustments were made to the recommended funding for many of the projects. These adjustments were largely percentage-based reductions in order to allow for funding the projects that scored the highest. Projects funded at less than 100% of the requested amount are believed to either scale with partial funding or lend themselves to being combined with funding from other sources to complete the project.

Number	Organization	Project	Funding Request	Funding Recommended
1	We all Rise AARC	Healing in Harmony	\$100,000.00	\$77,503
2	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Youth Mental Health First Aid Support and Training	\$42,550.00	\$39,259
3	YMCA - Greater Green Bay	Youth Mental & Behavioral Health Curriculum and Staff Training	\$25,023.00	\$23,088
4	Community Cupboard - Denmark	Fresh is Best	\$7,900.00	\$7,289
5	Family & Childcare Resources	New Child Care Recruitment	\$91,542.00	\$69,748
6	N.E.W. Community Clinic	N.E.W. Community Clinic Mobile Unit	\$79,396.02	\$73,255
7	Salvation Army	Social Service Programming	\$100,000.00	\$77,503
8	Compassionate Home Health Care	Holiday Giving Campaign	\$25,000.00	\$23,066
9	Howard-Suamico Education Foundation	Breakfast-Powered Students Perform Better	\$24,600.00	\$17,449
10	Howe Community Center	Howe Hope Program	\$27,000.00	\$24,912
11	Family Services	Women's Recovery Journey	\$100,000.00	\$77,503
12	Brown County Oral Health Partnership	Hospital Services Program	\$100,000.00	\$77,503
13	Jackie Nitschke Center	Ongoing Case Management for Residential and Recovery Homes	\$67,116.00	\$61,925
14	Exceptional Equestrians	Mental Health Matters 2023	\$55,000.00	\$50,746
15	Rawhide	Mental Health Treatment for Brown County	\$99,997.00	\$77,503
16	Encompass	Early Education and Care Family Advocate Program	\$60,000.00	\$55,359
17	Golden House	Laundry Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$100,000.00	\$40,820
18	On Broadway	Fresh Food Drive	\$25,000.00	\$23,066
19	House of Hope	Safety Upgrades and Emergency Response Flexible Fund	\$100,000.00	\$77,503

In order to facilitate finalizing the awardees and proceeding with disbursement as timely as possible, the Health and Human Services Department includes the following recommendation as part of the proposed funding recommendation:

In the event that any organization selected to receive this funding refuses or is otherwise unable to accept the grant funding, an authorized official of the organization shall provide notice of such de-obligation of funds in writing to the Brown County Health and Human Services Department. Any funding made available through this means will be re-allocated equally to other selected proposals up to the point that the proposal is fully-funded. The most that any selected proposal may receive is the initially requested amount.

Descriptions of Recommended Projects:

1. We All Rise AARC, Healing in Harmony – Supporting non-billable mental health services, victim referral services, emergency assistance and direct client advocacy.
2. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin, Youth Mental Health First Aid Support and Training – Becoming certified in Mental Health First Aid, securing therapy games and other resources, resources for Bigs to support Littles with trauma histories including suicidality.
3. YMCA of Greater Green Bay, Youth Mental & Behavioral Health Curriculum and Staff Training – Purchase of curriculum and training to embed socio-emotional learning. Increasing healthy behaviors, positive factors in young people served.
4. Community Cupboard – Denmark, Fresh Is Best – Purchase and distribute perishable food items.
5. Family and Childcare Resources of NEW, New Childcare Recruitment – Increased outreach to identify possible providers of regulated childcare. Support increasing newly regulated childcare options, which builds capacity and choice for parents.
6. N.E.W. Community Clinic, N.E.W. Community Clinic Mobile Unit – Medical/dental supplies and equipment to be used in the clinic's mobile unit, providing care to the clinic's clientele: people at or below 200% of federal poverty line, seniors, youth, veterans, disabled persons, and people experiencing homelessness.
7. Salvation Army, Social Service Programming – Food bags and community meals, rental assistance, referrals, and collaboration with other local organizations.
8. Compassionate Home Health Care, Holiday Giving Campaign – Hygiene products and cleaning supplies (soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, etc.) for people in need.
9. Howard-Suamico Education Foundation, Breakfast-Powered Students Perform Better – Summer school breakfast meals and eggs for the Giving Tree food pantry.
10. Howe Community Center, Howe Hope Program – Applying principles of HOPE framework (Willis) to build positive childhood experiences (PCEs) for young people served. Promotes stability and likelihood of growing into healthy, resilient adults.
11. Family Services, Women's Recovery Journey – Support treatment for women with co-occurring substance use and mental health treatment needs. Family education and support are integrated, as is childcare. Treatment for these women and families is provided in a gender responsive, collaborative, holistic, inclusive, and supportive way.
12. Brown County Oral Health Partnership, Hospital Services Program – Supports eligible children receiving dental care that has been deferred or not available during the pandemic. There has been increasing need for children served to have more involved procedures, driving a waitlist increase and delaying needed care.
13. Jackie Nitschke Center, Ongoing Case Management for Residential and Recovery Homes – Case management support to people who enter residential treatment. Case manager continues to support the person after discharge with services that promote continued recovery such as engaging with technology-based recovery tools, securing safe, sober housing, job search, referral, and connection with other supportive programs, etc.
14. Exceptional Equestrians, Mental Health Matters 2023 – Provide hippotherapy via scholarship/voucher model to eligible individuals who would not otherwise be able to afford it.
15. Rawhide, Mental Health Treatment for Brown County – Additional behavioral health therapist and support staff to increase access to and capacity of youth-focused behavioral health treatment.

16. Encompass, Early Education and Care Family Advocate Program – Provides a dedicated family advocate to support families with significant stress including poverty, unemployment, unstable housing, domestic violence, and mental health needs.
17. Golden House, Laundry Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse – Commercial laundry machines to support operations of the shelter serving survivors of domestic abuse.
18. On Broadway, Fresh Food Drive – Using a voucher system, this project will provide support for local homeless shelters to acquire and use locally source fresh produce from the farmers’ market.
19. House of Hope, Safety Upgrades and Emergency Response Flexible Fund – Upgrade the shelter security by purchase of upgraded cameras and outside door access. Expand direct services in the areas of alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) counseling and rental and utility assistance that allow youth and families to obtain and maintain safe, permanent housing.

Summary:

The recommended grant recipients represent the 19 projects with the highest evaluation scores. These projects will address a variety of needs throughout our community. The projects’ collective emphasis on basic needs and youth mental health corresponds with national trends and observations on the pandemic’s impact on the economy and on the mental health of young people.

As a package, the projects of the recommended recipients would apply the available funding to address many of Brown County’s greatest areas of need: basic needs including food support and one-time supports of local shelters; expanding affordable childcare options; prevention, early intervention, and treatment of youth mental health needs; and integrated, innovative substance use treatment. Virtually all of the grant applications were well-aligned with community needs and provide a means of addressing those needs.

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Appendix 1: Applications Received

Organization	Project
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Youth Mental Health First Aid Support and Training
Brown County Oral Health Partnership	Hospital Services Program
Casa ALBA	Health Navigator Program
Casa of Brown County	CASA of Brown County - Fostering Futures
Community Cupboard - Denmark	Fresh Is Best
Compassionate Home Health Care	#HolidayGivingCampaign
Compassionate Home Health Care	#letsmakeadifference Campaign
Curative Connections	Curative Connections Day Services Programming
Encompass	Encompass Early Education & Care, Inc. /Building a Resilient School Through Conscious Discipline
Encompass	Encompass Early Education and Care Family Advocate Program
Exceptional Equestrians	Mental Health Matters 2023
Faith Works Ministries	S.H.I.N.E. Self-reflection, Huddles, Illumination, Nutrition, & Exercise
Family & Childcare Resources	N.E.W. Community Clinic Mobile Unit
Family Services	Women's Recovery Journey
Foundations Health and Wholeness	Mental Health Counseling
GBASO	Public Health Outreach Youth Program
Golden House	Laundry Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse
Hmong American United of GB	Loa/Hmong Physical and Mental Health Program
Hope Chats Community	Peer Support Outreach
House of Hope	Safety Upgrades and Emergency Response Flexible Funding
Howard-Suamico Education Foundation	Breakfast-Powered Students Perform Better
Howe Community Center	Howe Hope Program
Howe Community Center	Howe Community Mental Health Program
Innovated Services	Wellness Explorers
Jackie Nitschke Center	Ongoing Case Management for Residential and Recovery Homes
Lutheran Social Services of WI & UP	Preble Program
Mandolin Foundation	Amandas House
Mediation Center of Greater GB	Better Solutions Happen Here
N.E.W. Community Clinic	N.E.W. Community Clinic Mobile Unit
New Community Shelter	Addressing food insecurity in Brown County
Newcap	Harm Reduction Dispensing
On Broadway	Fresh food Drive
On Broadway	Meal Program - Levitt AMP Green Bay Music Series
Pulaski Area Chamber of Commerce	Pleasantly Pulaski
Rawhide	Mental Health Treatment for Brown County
Safe Shelter	Housing Homeless Native Americans
SAGE Green Bay	Creatively Engaged Community
Salvation Army	Social Service Programming
St John Homeless Shelter	Women's Shelter & Wellspring Services
We all Rise AARC	Healing in Harmony
Wisewomen Gathering Place	Wise Services Bridge
WOOAH WI	Warrior Wellness
YMCA - Greater Green Bay	Health Specialty Programming & Program Area at Ridge YMCA
YMCA - Greater Green Bay	Youth Mental & Behavioral Health Curriculum and Staff Training