

ARPA SLFRF Working Group
Kane County Behavioral Health System Improvement Initiatives
Considerations for Notice of Funding Availability

Notice of Funding Opportunity Community Support Grants (*Competitive*)

Description: This document will serve as the public funding announcement and should be consistent with the requirements per [2 CFR 200.204](#)

Program Title: Kane County Behavioral Health System Improvement Initiatives (Program)

Assistance Listing: Assistance Listing Program Title is CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS and Assistance Listing Number is 21.027

Key Dates: Cost allowability period September 2, 2024 – September 30, 2026; closing date of applications June 21, 2024.

Availability Period: 60 days

Program Description: In recognition of the devastating impact felt by local organizations with a demonstrated track-record of delivering humanitarian aid to Kane County residents, the Kane County Board has allocated a portion of its American Rescue Plan Act Fund for a Program aimed at supporting the behavioral health infrastructure of Kane County. The Program will provide funds to a variety of local organizations to support the overall improvement of the behavioral health system in Kane County. Funding is available to support programmatic expenses, staffing and operational expenses.

This Program has a minimum award of \$20,000 and a maximum award of \$300,000; eligible organizations may apply for the amount of assistance needed to cover eligible costs. All awards under this Program shall be issued as grants and shall be disbursed to grantees on a reimbursement basis. Grantees will be expected to enter into a funding agreement with the county and shall be required to present appropriate documentation in order to substantiate their request(s) for reimbursement. All awarded grant funds must be spent before September 30, 2026. Any organization requesting an extension for grant fund expenditure must submit such request to the American Rescue Plan Committee in writing thirty (30) days prior to September 30, 2026.

Eligibility Criteria: In order to be eligible to apply for assistance under this Program, organizations must meet the following criteria:

Be fully incorporated and operating as a one of the following organizations as of Jan 1, 2019.

- State and Local Government Agencies
- 501(c)3 Non-profit organization
- Tribal Organization
- Community-based organization
- Academic Institution
- Healthcare Provider

- Deliver services from a facility that is physically located within Kane County.
- Provide, as its primary mission, services and/or aid to Kane County residents in the areas of behavioral and mental health.
- Be in good standing with all applicable federal, state, and local standards and requirements.

Evaluation Criteria: The County will evaluate applications on a competitive basis using a formula, subject to funding availability.

Score = (Weight 1 x Criterion 1) + (Weight 2 x Criterion 2) +... (Weight # x Criterion #)

- Score means the overall score of the proposal, which will be used to compare applications
- Weight is the weight assigned to each criterion. The assigned weights reflect the relative importance of the criteria in the evaluation process
- Criterion are the scores assigned to each proposal based on each criterion. These scores will be determined through a scoring rubric specific to each criterion. Each category will receive a score between 1-100.
- The proposals with the highest scores will receive funding. This approach allows for a systematic and transparent evaluation process, ensuring that proposals are assessed based on predefined criteria and priorities.

Criterion 1: Expansion of Behavioral Health Services (Weight: 0.3)

- Treatment services (therapy, medication management, psychiatric)
- Adequate workforce capacity and competency (staffing, training and support, evidence-based interventions, cultural competence)
- Peer support and recovery services
- Community-based programming
- Crisis intervention and emergency services
- Infrastructure
- Increased Access to Care (more Medicaid slots, sliding fee scales, free services, scholarships_

Criterion 2: Integrated Behavioral Health Care Models (Weight: 0.2)

- Primary care, substance use, housing, employment, etc. (social determinants of health)
- Co-location
- Direct screening/assessment to treatment pathways
- Wraparound care

Criterion 3: Prevention and Early Intervention (Weight: 0.25)

- Education (health, psychoeducation, etc.)
- Screening, assessments, referrals
- Pro-social
- Family/community support
- Health habits (exercise, nutrition, sleep, etc.)
- Coping and skill-building

Criterion 4: Enhance Telehealth and Technology Solutions (Weight: 0.25)

- Increase telehealth options
- Organization/infrastructure
- Software (referrals, EHR/EMR, case management, telehealth, etc.)
- Technology to support data collection and evaluation

Scoring Criteria

- **Alignment with Funding Priorities:** The extent to which the proposal addresses the specific funding priorities outlined in the notice of funding opportunity. Proposals that closely align with the identified priorities may receive higher funding amounts.
- **Scope and Impact:** The potential impact of the proposed project on improving behavioral health outcomes and addressing systemic challenges. Proposals with broader scope and greater potential to effect positive change may receive higher funding amounts.
- **Innovation and Creativity:** The degree of innovation and creativity demonstrated in the proposed approach to addressing behavioral health system improvement. Projects that propose novel or unique strategies may receive additional funding to support experimentation and exploration of new ideas.
- **Sustainability:** The likelihood that the proposed project will be sustainable beyond the funding period. Proposals that include plans for long-term sustainability, such as leveraging additional resources or establishing partnerships, may receive higher funding amounts.
- **Capacity Building:** The extent to which the proposed project contributes to building the capacity of organizations, communities, or individuals involved in behavioral health service delivery. Projects that focus on training, education, or infrastructure development may receive additional funding to support capacity-building efforts.
- **Community Engagement and Collaboration:** The level of community engagement and collaboration demonstrated in the proposed project. Proposals that involve meaningful engagement with stakeholders, including individuals with lived experience of behavioral health issues, may receive higher funding amounts.
- **Evaluation and Monitoring:** The strength of the proposed evaluation and monitoring plan to assess project outcomes and measure impact. Proposals with robust evaluation plans that include clear objectives, performance measures, and data collection methods may receive additional funding to support rigorous evaluation efforts.
- **Geographic and Population Diversity:** The extent to which the proposed project addresses the needs of diverse geographic areas and populations. Projects that target underserved or marginalized communities may receive higher funding amounts to support efforts to reduce disparities in access to behavioral health services.

Application Preparation & Submission:

Applications must be submitted using the Redcap portal located at:
<https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=7HECREEFK8MMRW3F>

The County will not accept applications submitted by other methods such as email or hard copy.

Budget Submission:

Applicants should provide combined estimates of eligible costs incurred between August 2, 2024, and September 30, 2026.

Maximum available: organizations may apply for up to \$300,000.

Minimum: \$20,000

Eligible expenses:

Expense Type	Description	Detailed Description
Programmatic Expenses	Expenses related to the operation of behavioral health programs.	Programmatic Expenses. This may include costs associated with the operation of the programs that the County has approved grant funding for.
Operational Expenses	Expenses related to the operation of organizations	Operational expenses. This may include non-C-suite payroll, contracted labor such as staffing agencies, and goods and services required for operation.
Rent/Mortgage	Rent/mortgage payments for the physical place of business, limited to unpaid rent/mortgage	Rent and mortgage payments at locations where your organization is serving Kane County clients. This may include, rent, lease, and mortgage payments. Acquisition of real property is not allowed.

Appeals: If your application is not selected for funding, an appeal may be submitted to the ARPA Committee by August 1, 2024, via KaneARP@co.kane.il.us. The email must be sent by the email registered in the application. Information should include a description of how your organization meets the eligibility requirements, specifically its primary mission, and include any supporting documentation you deem relevant. Awarded amounts are considered final and the County will not consider appeals requests for awarded amounts.

Terms & Conditions: The Community Support Grant Program is funded by Department of Treasury Coronavirus Local and Fiscal Recovery Fund (“Fund”) established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Applicants must comply with all requirements of the Fund and guidance issued by the Department of Treasury. An amendment is forthcoming that contains the terms and conditions for this Program. Terms and conditions will be entered into by grant agreements to be signed by approved applicants and the County.