

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Lou Peer
INITIATED BY



10/23/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Awarding \$200,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for Youth Substance Use Prevention Initiatives

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2023, the Rock County Board of Supervisors passed resolution R-2023-277 to adopt an [implementation plan for use of opioid settlement funding](#) the County is receiving as part of the National Opioid Settlement; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation plan included the allocation of \$100,000 per year for the next two years to sustain the work of established youth substance misuse prevention coalitions in Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, providing evidence-based, youth substance use prevention and/or intervention was a priority identified through the Opioid Settlement Funds Report of Recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity for coalitions to apply for funding was advertised through the County's website for bids and RFPs; and,

WHEREAS, organizations could apply for a \$70,000 per year grant that would continue for two years (\$140,000 total funding), one of three \$10,000 per year grants that would continue for two years (\$20,000 total funding), or an organization could apply for (and be eligible to receive) both grant options; and,

WHEREAS, four organizations applied for funding, for a total of five applications; and,

WHEREAS, applications were reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives with subject matter expertise from the Human Services Department, the Rock County Sheriff's Office, and the Rock County Public Health Department; and,

WHEREAS, the committee reviewed applications against a scoring rubric that considered the applicant's staffing and organizational experience, goals and measurable objectives, implementation plan, strategy for reaching people most at risk, data collection and performance measurement strategy, and proposed budget; and,

WHEREAS, the review committee approved applications and recommends funding for the following entities and amounts: Janesville Mobilizing for Change (\$140,000); Youth to Youth (\$20,000), Milton Youth Coalition (\$20,000), and Building a Safer Evansville (\$20,000); and,

WHEREAS, upon authorization, the Rock County Public Health Department will initiate contracts with each awardee, which will specify the terms of use of the awarded funds and define reporting requirements on project activities, spending, and outcomes, which will be monitored by the department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 16th day of November, 2023 does hereby authorize the release of \$200,000 of Opioid Settlement funds to Youth Prevention grant program applicants, as recommended by the application review committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Rock County Public Health Department to enter into a contract with each funding recipient.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds are available in the 2023 Opioid Settlement budget for the cost of these contracts.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Board of Health

The Board of Health recommended this resolution for approval unanimously.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Clasen was absent.