

Gov. Pritzker, IDPH Announce \$9.5M To Strengthen Mental Health Services For Youth Across Illinois

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CHICAGO – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced today that the State of Illinois has awarded \$9.5 million in funding to 40 different applicants across the state to support post-pandemic child and adolescent

health. The size of the grants ranges from \$83,000 to just over \$400,000. Sixty percent of the grants are going to schools, 20% to hospital or clinic-based programs, 17.5% to local health departments and 2.5% to colleges.

The funding is primarily from the CDC's COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) plus \$500,000 in state dollars. It is being offered to help schools and local agencies improve student care through workforce enhancements, developing frameworks to prevent adverse childhood experiences, interventions to assist children suffering from trauma, and training for medical and school staff to expand adolescent mental health resources.

“We recognize that the last few years have presented numerous challenges for all of us, and this is especially so for our youth,” Governor Pritzker said. “Thanks to this infusion of federal funding, we are strengthening school-based programs and local agencies that serve the mental health needs of young people all across Illinois. I applaud the Biden Administration for recognizing the need to direct resources to these kinds of programs that support our youth.”

“IDPH is excited to support innovative ideas from across the state dedicated to addressing the mental health needs of children and young people,” said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. “From Winnebago County in the north to Gallatin County in Southern Illinois, we were impressed with the thoughtful proposals we received from schools, health care providers, local health departments, and colleges to strengthen child and adolescent health.”

The funding opportunity was overseen by IDPH's Office of Women's Health & Family Services. More than 50 percent of the applicants for the funding opportunity are receiving funding.

The proposals outline numerous different strategies to strengthen mental health services for students across Illinois. These include developing student support programs and offering specialized curriculums in areas like stress management and nutrition; providing mental health training, education and support for teachers; providing such training for all school personnel; creating suicide awareness and prevention efforts; creating plans for mental health outreach; developing plans to address mental health needs during current and future public health emergencies; hiring counselors and other mental health professionals; and providing telehealth counseling and evaluation services.

See below for list of grantees and funding amounts:

Grantee	Amount Awarded	County	City
Alivio Medical Center	\$415,000.00	Cook	Chicago
Arrowleaf Johnson County	\$249,000.00	Johnson	Vienna
Bloomington SD 13	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Bloomington
Board of Trustees University of Illinois	\$281,308.58	Cook	Chicago
Bond County Health Department	\$83,000.00	Bond	Greenville
Bourbonnais Elementary School District 53	\$313,341.60	Kankakee	Bourbonnais
Chicago Heights School District 170	\$342,674.36	Cook	Chicago Heights
Chicago Public Schools	\$415,000.00	Cook	Chicago
Cicero School District 99	\$176,583.33	Cicero	Cook
Clay County Hospital	\$180,630.85	Clay	Flora
Community High School District 99	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Downers Grove

Crusaders Central Clinic Association	\$249,961.74	Winnebago	Rockford
Douglas County Health Department	\$241,974.05	Douglas	Tuscola
Downers Grove Grade School District 58	\$332,592.62	DuPage	Downers Grove
DuPage High School District 88	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Downers Grove
Egyptian Public and Mental Health Department	\$224,752.53	Gallatin	Eldorado
Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Elmhurst
Erie Family Health Center	\$182,270.43	Cook	Chicago
Evanston Township High School District #202	\$169,030.45	Cook	Evanston
Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124	\$292,118.50	Cook	Evergreen Park
Fenton Community High School District 100	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Bensenville
Glenbard Township High School District 87	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Glen Ellyn

Gower School District 62	\$124,031.88	DuPage	Willowbrook
Greene County Health Department	\$166,000.00	Greene	Carrollton
Herrin Community Unit School District 4	\$316,546.94	Williamson	Herrin
Horizon Health Foundation	\$99,731.66	Edgar	Paris
Indian Prairie School District #204	\$248,585.00	DuPage	Aurora
Joliet Public Schools District 86	\$206,688.16	Will	Joliet
Lincoln Elementary School District #27	\$86,657.93	Logan	Lincoln
Loyola University of Chicago	\$132,800.00	Cook	Maywood
Marquardt School District 15	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Glendale Heights
Rochelle Township High School	\$99,669.42	Ogle	Rochelle
Salt Creek SD 48	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Villa Park
School District 45	\$249,000.00	DuPage	Villa Park
Stark County Health Department	\$197,930.02	Stark	Kewanee

Stephenson County Health Department	\$83,000.00	Stephenson	Freeport
Tamaroa Grade School District #5	\$278,302.60	Perry	Tamaroa
Tapestry 360 Health	\$408,890.58	Cook	Chicago
Tri-County Special Education Association	\$377,807.70	DeWitt	Bloomington
Will County Health Department	\$214,870.33	Will	Joliet
TOTAL AWARDED		\$9,431,751.26	