



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Rob Poirier, Program Committee Chair

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

DATE: May 9, 2025

SUBJECT: FY26 System Change Planning Grants

The attached resolution authorizes FY26 funding for three System Change Planning Grants up to a maximum of **\$299,875** from the Community Mental Health Fund reserves.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUTHORIZING FY26 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING
FOR SYSTEM CHANGE PLANNING GRANTS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, Missouri has levied taxes pursuant to the laws of the State of Missouri Sections 205.975 – 205.990 RSMo. to fund the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) and the Board is entrusted with administering this fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to increase access to critical behavioral health services for city residents who are underserved by the behavioral health service delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees approved changes to the Allocation Process in January 2024 to establish a new fund that would provide multi-year funding to organizations working to increase access to behavioral healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to support a planning process that would help intermediary organizations and direct service providers build an implementation strategy that strengthens behavioral health infrastructure to improve participant outcomes; and

WHEREAS, at the October 17, 2024, Board Meeting Trustees approved an allocation of up to \$500,000 from MHB reserves (up to \$200,000 from CCSF and up to \$300,000 from CMHF) to support planning grant awards for the FY 2026 planning period from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees approves an allocation of up to **\$299,875** from Community Mental Health Fund reserves and directs the Board Chair and Executive Director to enter into contracts with the organizations listed on the **attached spreadsheet** for FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) up to the amounts specified for each.

APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY 2025

Board Chair/Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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ATTEST:

Board Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FY26 Community Mental Health Fund System Change Planning Grants**

Organization	Project	Brief Project Description	FY26 Total Recommended Funding
Behavioral Health Network	THRIVES: Transforming Health Resources for Innovation, Value, Equity and Sustainability	THRIVES aims to improve infrastructure, services, and sustainability through better data sharing, increasing access to integrated care, and developing diverse funding strategies to reduce hospital visits by individuals who are high utilizers that require complex care solutions. The planning process will integrate pilot models from three hospital systems: Mercy Clinical BEACN, SSM Health, and BJH/BJC Hospital to Housing. Key planning components will include stakeholder engagement, development of goals and objectives, recommendations and evaluation, sub-group development, and continuous feedback.	\$ 100,000
City of St. Louis Department of Health, Behavioral Health Bureau	North City Star: A Guiding Light for Behavioral Health	The project will focus on areas in North St. Louis City with high mental health and substance use problems and low social determinants of health, especially in Wrads 11, 12, 13, and 14. The planning team will develop a community-based care system that combines mental health, primary care, substance use, and housing services to be completed in five phases. Part of the planning period will determine if the Health Department needs a physical location for these services in the designated focus area.	\$ 100,000
Casa de Salud	System of care to meet the complex mental health care needs of immigrants in St. Louis	The project aims to identify barriers to high-level mental health care and the needs of immigrants. Collaborations with stakeholders will help address mental health needs and expand access to services for all. Keep partners Monarch Immigrant Services, St. Francis Community Services, and Casa de Salud will integrate data collection into their case management programs to enhance mental health care access and serve as referral sources for the project. Places for People will provide expertise on training several mental illness and will offer program design assistance. NAMI advocates for mental health needs and will offer guidance on effective advocacy strategies.	\$ 99,875
Total FY26 Community Mental Health Fund System Change Planning Grants			\$ 299,875