



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

DATE: November 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Approve the FY 2027 – 2029 Community Mental Health and Community Children’s Services Strategic Funding Priorities

MHB completed the first phase (quantitative data report) of its joint Community Health Needs Assessment in partnership with the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund in December 2024. Both organizations implemented the second community engagement phase during calendar year 2025 with MHB conducting its qualitative data collection in nine priority city zip codes from July – September 2025. The final community engagement report was completed in October 2025.

Using MHB’s Theory of Change (November 2021), the recently completed FY276 – 28 Strategic Plan Refresh, the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for High Impact Philanthropy’s *Health In Mind* framework (2020), and the Community Health Needs Assessment quantitative data and community engagement findings, staff developed recommended funding priorities for the upcoming FY27 – 29 combined Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) and Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF) grant application cycle.

Recommended FY27 – 29 Strategic Funding Priorities may be found as an attachment to the resolution.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**APPROVE FISCAL YEARS 2027 – 2029 STRATEGIC FUNDING PRIORITIES
FOR THE COMBINED COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUND AND
COMMUNITY CHILDREN’S SERVICES FUND GRANT APPLICATION CYCLE**

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 Sections 210.860 – 210.861 RSMo. (2005 and 2020) to fund the Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF), and the Board is entrusted with administering these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to implement its responsibilities to ensure high quality behavioral health services for adults ages 18 and older and children and youth from birth to age 18 residing in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to meet the needs of the City of St. Louis by investing in services for children, youth, and adults that are person-centered, effective, equitable, utilize learning and continuous improvement, and demonstrate measurable impact; and

WHEREAS, MHB staff used MHB’s Theory of Change, the FY276 – 28 Strategic Plan, the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for High Impact Philanthropy’s *Health In Mind* framework, and the Community Health Needs Assessment quantitative data and community engagement findings to develop strategic funding priorities for the FY27 – 29 combined Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) and Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF) grant application cycle; and

WHEREAS, MHB staff engaged in an approach that integrates the best available research with professional expertise in order to recommend strategic funding priorities that maximize the likelihood that city residents will receive and benefit from the most efficient, effective, and highest quality behavioral health interventions, programs and services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Strategic Funding Priorities found as an attachment to this resolution will guide the prioritization of funding awards in the Fiscal Years 2027 – 2029 Community Mental Health Fund and Community Children’s Services Fund three-year grant cycle.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025:

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

Board Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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MHB FY 2027 – 2029 Strategic Funding Priorities

	Strengthen Systems <i>Evidence-Based</i>	Advance Community Well-being <i>Community-Informed</i>
Population Level	<p>Increase behavioral health early identification and early intervention services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment, screening, and diagnostic services 	<p>Strengthen equitable, trauma-informed behavioral health crisis response</p>
Individual Level	<p>Provide comprehensive support for individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse • Supported employment 	<p>Provide specialty behavioral health care for individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First episode psychosis • Medication assisted treatment