



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Rob Poirier, Program Committee Chair **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

DATE: June 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Accept FY25 – 26 Missouri Department of Mental Health GROW-STL St. Louis Opioid Initiative Passthrough Funding

The attached resolution requests that Trustees accept \$513,704 in FY25 funding and \$1,100,000 in FY26 funding from the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) for the GROW-STL St. Louis Opioid Initiative project.

BACKGROUND

At the November 21, 2024, Board Meeting, Trustees approved allowing MHB to serve as a passthrough for DMH's GROW-STL St. Louis Opioid Initiative funding. At that time, it was anticipated that FY25 DMH funding would total up to \$800K. Due to the time required to initiate and approve a new contract between DMH and MHB, the FY25 contract was not finalized until May 2025. Subsequently, the total amount of funding for FY25 for the six-month period from January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 was reduced to \$513,704. For FY26, DMH has approved \$1,100,000 in passthrough funding for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The FY26 contract is currently being prepared by DMH.

GROW STL (Grassroots Reinvestment of Optimal Well-being) St. Louis Opioid Initiative

In an effort to address the ongoing increase in opioid overdose fatalities, especially among Black males in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, three years ago DMH piloted an initiative to empower and build the capacity of "grassroots" organizations located in areas with high rates of opioid overdose deaths to serve individuals that typically did not seek substance use treatment services from DMH-supported community mental health centers. Using a low-barrier approach driven by community-led solutions, five grassroots organizations have served more than 6,500 individuals grappling with substance use disorders, over 2,600 individuals specifically dealing with opioid use disorders, and has referred over 600 individuals to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in the three years since the initiative's start. Additionally, these organizations have connected over 1,500 individuals with recovery support services. These figures underscore the critical role GROW-STL plays in addressing the pressing needs of the communities it serves.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FY 2025 – 2026
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING
TO SUPPORT THE GROW-STL INITIATIVE**

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 and Sections 210.860 – 210.861 RSMo. (2005 and 2020) to fund the Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF); and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous 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, MHB’s reputation for engaging in collaboration, trust-based philanthropy, participatory grantmaking, and exemplary stewardship of public tax dollars have positioned it to leverage funding from the Missouri Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Mental Health has approved \$513,704 in FY 2025 funding and \$1,100,000 in FY26 funding for the GROW-STL Initiative in St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees agrees to accept fiscal year 2025 funding from the Missouri Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$513,704 and fiscal year 2026 funding in the amount of \$1,100,000 and to pass through this funding to local organizations designated as recipients by the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2025:

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

Board Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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