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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$275,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects**
4 **Category for First 5 Fox Valley To Promote Cross-Sector Collaboration and Build an Efficient, Effective,**
5 **and Equitable Family Support System**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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9 **WHEREAS**, First 5 Fox Valley is an organization that is leveraging collective impact work and strategic
10 partnerships to cultivate communities that empower every family to build a solid foundation for children in
11 their first five years; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the innovative approach of the Help Me Grow community partnership model used by First 5
14 Fox Valley will mitigate the impact of adversity and promote protective factors among families and their
15 young children as a primary prevention strategy; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the funds requested will allow First 5 Fox Valley to contract a full-time or several part time
18 Family Resource Navigator positions; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, outreach and in-service training on best practices and early intervention will take place
21 across health care, early care, and education, schools, and social service agencies linking resources to
22 support families with a "warm handoff" provided by a Help Me Grow Family Resource Navigator position;
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Navigator Position will work within Winnebago County- focused on less served towns,
26 villages and populations and use of the ASQ developmental screening tools; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, these funds will provide the means to engage more deeply and authentically with
29 communities, developing relationships with local organizations that work with families who have children
30 ages 0-5 and who don't often access traditional community resources or child developmental screenings.

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$275,000
33 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved for First 5 Fox
34 Valley to promote cross-sector collaboration and build an efficient, effective, and equitable family support
35 system.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of
38 the project, First 5 Fox Valley will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance
39 Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the
40 completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that First 5 Fox Valley
43 shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are
44 determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of
45 funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to
46 recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

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Respectfully submitted by:
ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission
Committee Vote: 9-0

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Fiscal Note: *The Spirit Fund would be reduced by \$275,000. There is no long-term obligation with this grant.*

Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive on _____.

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Jonathan D. Doemel

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Winnebago County Executive

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County Board Report



DATE: March 19, 2024
FROM: Office of the County Executive
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution: 361-032024 Approving \$275,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category for First 5 Fox Valley To Promote Cross-Sector Collaboration and Build an Efficient, Effective, and Equitable Family Support System

General Description:

This resolution would provide a grant to First 5 Fox Valley. The organization's request is \$275,000.

Action Requested:

To advance, a motion to recommend the county board approve this resolution would be in order.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction:	ARPA Strategy and Meeting Outcomes	Date:	March 6, 2024
Action taken:	_____	Vote:	9-0
County Board:	_____	Meeting Date:	_____

Background:

This item was tabled and delayed due to concerns presented by Human Services Director Bill Topel. Director Topel has since reviewed the application, met with multiple county departments and family service agencies in the county and supports this resolution. The original request (\$300,000) was written for the full year of 2024; due to timing, the request has been adjusted to \$275,000.

First 5 Fox Valley (F5FV) is an organization that is leveraging collective impact work and strategic partnerships to build a solid foundation for children in their first five years. The Help Me Grow (HMG) community partnership model used by F5FV, promotes protective factors among families and their young children as a primary prevention strategy. Outreach will take place across health care, early care and education, schools, and social service agencies linking resources to support families. This navigator position will work locally within Winnebago County, focusing on less-served areas and using the ASQ developmental screening tools.

Since 2021, there has been a significant increase in children who were referred to the HMG program and underwent appropriate developmental screenings. The mean number of children screened per county increased from 3.2 to 66.8 over the course of the project period. This grant will provide the means to engage more deeply and authentically with Winnebago County organizations that work with families who have children ages 0-5 and who don't often access traditional community resources or child developmental screenings. As F5FV continues to expand free developmental screening opportunities, it is hopeful that Protective Factors will be strengthened, and resiliency built to buffer adverse conditions they might face. We hope to find children where they are and strengthen our commitment to equitable access to services for all families, free and open to all.

Policy Discussion:

A question remains whether this is programming dollars or one-time funds. The commission previously discussed support for the project because it would be one-time funding that would sustain itself by cross-training into partner agency capacity.

This request could be considered operational/program spending. It exceeds the 50% match request from the ARPA Commission, the budget has been reduced to reflect delayed timing (previously requested a full year-long budget). Included with this item is the funding opportunities guidance passed by the commission.

The commission has recognized Government Identified Community Projects that support or enhance county services:

- 1) First 5 Fox Valley will contract Family Resource Navigator positions to enhance services provided by Public Health, Human Services, Sheriff's Office, and others.
- 2) \$275,000 Spirit Fund Grant would provide Winnebago County residents with access to a nationally recognized evidence-based model of Help Me Grow within Winnebago County.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation:

The commission recognizes this is a programmatic grant request. The commission recommends this grant unanimously, with clear metrics outlined in the attachment.

Additionally, this was reviewed by Human Services Director Topel and his team. This would compliment their work in long-term support.

Attachments:

1. Winnebago Cty_ ASQ Data_ Help Me Grow Database_ Feb 2024
2. F5FV Case Study_ Dec 2023
3. 3 yr performance budget Winnebago Co
4. First 5 Fox Valley Inc application
5. Spirit Fund Project Funding Opportunities



Developmental Screenings

Print Date: February 01, 2024

Active Filters: County: Winnebago & Region : Help Me Grow- Fox Valley

Number of ASQ Screenings	Count	Pct%
ASQ-3 No Concern	799	54.17
ASQ-3 Monitor	342	23.19
ASQ-3 Concern	320	21.69
ASQ-3 Uncoded	14	0.95
ASQ-3 Totals	1475	100

Number of ASQ-SE Screenings	Count	Pct%
ASQ:SE No Concern	392	74.1
ASQ:SE Monitor	52	9.83
ASQ:SE Concern	84	15.88
ASQ:SE Uncoded	1	0.19
ASQ:SE Totals	529	100

Number of M-CHAT Screenings	Count	Pct%
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ASQ-3 Interval	Count	Pct%
02 months	25	1.69
04 months	39	2.64
06 months	58	3.93
08 months	25	1.69
09 months	52	3.53
10 months	19	1.29
12 months	81	5.49
14 months	17	1.15
16 months	46	3.12
18 months	79	5.36
20 months	38	2.58
22 months	34	2.31
24 months	77	5.22
27 months	44	2.98
30 months	87	5.9
33 months	72	4.88
36 months	183	12.41
42 months	229	15.53
48 months	165	11.19
54 months	61	4.14
60 months	44	2.98
Totals	1475	100

ASQ SE Interval	Count	Pct%
02 months	16	3.02
06 months	63	11.91
12 months	57	10.78
18 months	48	9.07
20 months	1	0.19
24 months	24	4.54
30 months	39	7.37
36 months	112	21.17
48 months	126	23.82
60 months	43	8.13
Totals	529	100

ASQ-SE Screening Frequency (by Child)	Count	Pct%
1 ASQ	349	83.69
2 ASQs	38	9.11
3-4 ASQs	27	6.47
5+ ASQs	3	0.72
Totals	417	100

ASQ Screening Frequency (by Child)	Count	Pct%
1 ASQ	854	78.49
2 ASQs	144	13.24
3-4 ASQs	78	7.17
5+ ASQs	12	1.1
Totals	1088	100

M-CHAT Interval	Count	Pct%
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ASQ-3 Domains	No Concern	Monitor	Conc
Communication	1145	171	15
Fine Motor	1133	198	18
Gross Motor	1219	140	11
Problem Solving	1234	124	10
Personal Social	1178	169	15

Promising Practices Supporting Early Childhood Transitions in Wisconsin



CASE STUDY: FIRST 5 FOX VALLEY

December 2023

About First 5 Fox Valley

First 5 Fox Valley is based in Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet counties and has a long history of collaborative work related to early childhood. What started in 2012 as the Fox Valley Early Childhood Coalition has grown into an effort to create systems change for the benefit of all children aged 0-5. Using the national Help Me Grow model, First 5 Fox Valley promotes cross-sector collaboration through a network of Family Resource Navigators. As the Wisconsin affiliate for Help Me Grow, the model is now expanding beyond the Fox Valley.

Help Me Grow Family Resource Navigators work through Birth to Three, home visiting, and other programs to connect families to developmental services and information. First 5 Fox Valley supports the initiative with a centralized access point for information, a resource directory, and databases that can share developmental screening results and support referral and follow-up with families. In addition to Help Me Grow, First 5 Fox Valley also supports the Welcome Baby Fox Valley program, developmental screenings, and early childhood advocacy. In the near future, First 5 Fox Valley will also be opening a new Family Resource Center in Outagamie County.

Supporting Early Childhood Transitions

By embedding Help Me Grow Navigators in organizations that families interact with, offering free developmental screenings, and providing information through their website and resource directory, First 5 Fox Valley removes barriers to accessing services. Through the referral database, they offer families seamless connections between providers. Family Navigators approach families with dignity and give the information and support



Outagamie,
Winnebago, and
Calumet Counties

Promising Practices that Support Transitions

Make things easier by removing barriers	✓
Leverage institutional roles	✓
Make seamless connections between services	✓
Affirm families' dignity, agency, and choice	✓
Meet the health and learning needs of the child	✓

Key Features

- Wide-reaching network and long history of organizational collaboration
- Navigators are embedded in local organizations to reach families where they are
- Warm referrals of families to services across coalition partners
- Centralized access point for information
- Services are interconnected through a referral database and resource directory
- Backbone support that includes grant writing for partners and data sharing

needed to utilize the services families seek.

First 5 Fox Valley sustains these efforts through a commitment to robust backbone support. This includes ongoing grant writing efforts that secure funds for coalition partners, which expands organizations' capacity to secure funds and eliminates unnecessary competition. First 5 Fox Valley also maintains communication and supports use of shared data to better coordinate partners.



Promising Practices Supporting Early Childhood Transitions in Wisconsin

CASE STUDY: FIRST 5 FOX VALLEY



The Preschool Development Grant Early Childhood Transitions Project

The Early Childhood Transitions Project is a partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies (the CommNS). The project seeks to understand how communities can better support families as they navigate various transitions in the early years (prenatal through age 8) by learning from promising practices and well-aligned systems for transitions in Wisconsin. The project was funded by the Preschool Development Grant (PDG), a federal grant that supports Wisconsin in improving early childhood outcomes in a comprehensive, equity-focused manner for the state's most vulnerable, underserved, and rural populations.

To understand more about how organizations and collaborative efforts support families experiencing transitions, the project team convened a statewide advisory group and gathered insights to identify eight promising case studies in Wisconsin. For each case study, we interviewed leaders of the effort, such as organization directors, initiative leads, or founding members, for a total of 34 interviews. We also conducted seven focus groups with staff, board members, parent advisory group members, or other key stakeholders. To gain further context we also interviewed key informants, such as public health and school employees, who were able to speak to the experiences of families of young children in the communities of the case studies. We also gathered and reviewed relevant websites and documents. As a team, we analyzed data within and across the case studies to identify promising practices to best support families in the transitions of early childhood.

The UW-Madison Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies (the CommNS)

The CommNS is a hub for faculty, students, and community partners to collaborate on research, practice, and evaluation that examines the well-being of communities and the civic and nonprofit sectors. Co-Create is an initiative within the CommNS in which staff and student researchers design and carry out applied research and evaluation projects to advance the missions of nonprofit organizations, community groups, governments agencies, and others.



Winnebago Co. Proforma 3-year Budget

F5FV & HMG 2024 Budget
Not including grant request years

Winnebago Co. Grant Budget	2024	2025	2026	HMG Total 2024	F5FV + HMG Total 2024
FFFV Operational Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
EIN: 85-3772281 DUNS #:117897366					
Staff:					
6100 Ex. Director F5FV (02)	\$ 9,800.00	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00		\$98,713.00
Director/ HMG (01)	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$87,000.00
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Operations:					
6700 webhosting & Domain	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
6501 Occupancy	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,500.00
6402 Supplies & Postal	\$ 500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
6201 Book keeping/Fiscal support/HR	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
6700 Marketing and Printing	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$16,000.00
6600 Travel, Meetings, events	\$ 1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00
6403 Technology(zoom,dropbox,etc)	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
6401 Phone	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00
6404 Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Professional Fees, Consulting & Contracts:					
6202 AHW Navigators contracted				\$112,000.00	\$112,000.00
6202 Family Outreach contracted	\$ 71,851.00	\$85,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$136,108.00	\$136,108.00
6202 Admin support	\$ 5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$16,800.00
6204 HMG national affiliation	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
6204 HMG- Utah database	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
6406. 6201 Legal, IRS, Audit fees,Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$35,000.00
6206 Resource Directory:	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Triple P Training fees					\$28,000.00
Initiatives:					
6205 HMG Database Development	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Welcome Baby, Partner Staff- pass through funding					
B4K Outreach Events					
Developmental Screenings:					
6203 Brookes- ASQ	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
6203 Screenings	\$ 850.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
6700 Reports & website	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$4,000.00
Fiscal Management:					
Total all expenses	\$ 118,351.00	\$144,450.00	\$156,750.00		\$612,071.00
winnebago award	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
Total in-kind/cash match	\$ 43,351.00	\$ 44,450.00	\$ 56,750.00		

Name of Organization leading the project/looking for funding: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Assigned Application Number: 29

Organization: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

CEO/Executive Director/Organization Leader: Barb Tengesdal

Name of person completing survey: Barb Tengesdal

Email: Director@firstfivefoxvalley.org

Phone: 9204225437

Type of organization requesting funding: Non-profit organization

Organization's mission statement (if applicable): Cultivate a community that empowers and supports every family to build a solid foundation for children in their first five years.

Defining the Mission statement: First 5 Fox Valley (F5FV) is an organization that is leveraging collective impact work and strategic partnerships to cultivate communities that empowers every family to build a solid foundation for children in their first five years.

Does the organization conduct a third-party financial audit? Yes

Describe the general scope of the project for which funding would be requested: This grant application will promote cross-sector collaboration and build an efficient, effective, and equitable family support system, using the nationally recognized evidence-based model of Help Me Grow within Winnebago County. First 5 Fox Valley will contract a fulltime- or several PT Family Resource Navigator positions that will benefit families by listening to them, linking them to services, support them through transitions over time, and deepening connections with partner agencies. The innovative approach of the Help Me Grow community partnership model used by First 5 Fox Valley, will mitigate the impact of adversity and promote protective factors among families and their young children as a primary prevention strategy. Outreach and in-service training on best practices and early intervention will take place across health care, early care and education, schools, and social service agencies linking resources to support families with a "warm handoff" provided by the HMG Family Resource Navigator position. This navigator position will work within Winnebago County- focused on less served towns, villages and populations and use of the ASQ developmental screening tools.

Who will lead the project (Internal, City, Winnebago County, State of WI...)? Winnebago County Public Health Department

Name of Organization leading the project/looking for funding: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Assigned Application Number: 29

Where is the primary location of the project? Navigators are embedded within current partnering agencies. Conversations are currently underway with Family Services- Parenting Connection, UW-Oshkosh Head Start, Boys and Girls Club new hub for shared services, and others

How many total individuals would this project serve each year? currently 1366 children and 1263 families. We will expand that number by 10% each of the 3 years of funding.

What areas (cities/regions/school districts) of Winnebago County will the project serve?

Winnebago County: Bute Des Morts, Eureka, Larsen, Menasha, Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh, Pickett, Waukau, Winnebago, Winneconne, zipcodes and school districts within county jurisdiction.

Please describe the lasting impact of this project on the community: This grant will provide the means to engage more deeply and authentically with communities, developing relationships with local organizations that work with families who have children ages 0-5 and who don't often access traditional community resources or child developmental screenings. As F5FV continues to expand free developmental screening opportunities, it is hopeful that Protective Factors will be strengthened and resiliency built to buffer adverse conditions they might face. Our hope to find children where they are and strengthen our commitment to equitable access to services for all families free and open to all.

In what stage is the project? In the process of implementing

What is the estimated completion date? December 30th 2026

Estimated cost of the entire project: 450000

Requested amount (range) from Winnebago County Spirit Fund: 300000

Other than Spirit funds, how will the project be funded: Matching grant funds from the AHW Community Impact Grant and the Medical College of Wisconsin Maternal and Child Health Equity Grant, the unspent funds of the Oshkosh Area Community foundation Developmental Screening project grant.

Is completion of the project dependent on receiving the full amount requested? No

Has the organization received any type of government (local, state, or federal) funding in the past 2 years? if so, please list Yes. Private, public and community foundation funds have been awarded to First 5 Fox Valley for various projects.

- 2023 ThedaCare Community Health Grant \$55,000
- 2023-2024 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board- Connecting Resources & Child Car

Name of Organization leading the project/looking for funding: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Assigned Application Number: 29

What portion of the project will be or is anticipated to be funded by local, state or federal government funding? the navigator position identified specifically to work within Winnebago County communities, school districts and child care programs.

List any ARPA funding received from other cities, counties or municipalities: Outagamie County ARPA grant 2021

AHW- Maternal and Child Health Equity Grant- federal pass through to Wi Department of Health to be distributed by the Alliance for Healthier Wisconsin foundation.

Who will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance of the project? First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Will this increase the organizations operating expenses, if so, please explain how that will be maintained? No. The sustainability of the navigator positions are created with partners embedding the positions within their own budgets after 3 years of start up support- such as this grant opportunity.

Name of Organization leading the project/looking for funding: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Assigned Application Number: 29

Project Information as Sorted by Citizen Panel as of 9/5/2023

R/Y/G and original Application number: 29

Request from: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Type of project: Programming

General Scope of Project: contract a fulltime- or several PT Family Resource Navigator positions

Project Lead: Winnebago County Public Health Department

Primary location: Navigators are embedded within current partnering agencies. Conversations are currently underway with Family Services- Parenting Connection, UW-Oshkosh Head Start, Boys and Girls Club new hub for shared services, and others

of individuals served by project: currently 1366 children and 1263 families. We will expand that number by 10% each of the 3 years of funding.

Areas served: Winnebago County: Bute Des Morts, Eureka, Larsen, Menasha, Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh, Pickett, Waukau, Winnebago, Winneconne, zipcodes and school districts within county jurisdiction.

Lasting impact: This grant will provide the means to engage more deeply and authentically with communities, developing relationships with local organizations that work with families who have children ages 0-5 and who don't often access traditional community resources or child developmental screenings. As F5FV continues to expand free developmental screening opportunities, it is hopeful that Protective Factors will be strengthened and resiliency built to buffer adverse conditions they might face. Our hope to find children where they are and strengthen our commitment to equitable access to services for all families free and open to all.

Completion Date: December 30th 2026

Project Stage: In process of implementing

Project Cost: \$450,000

Requested Amount: 300,000

Other Funding: Matching grant funds from the AHW Community Impact Grant and the Medical College of Wisconsin Maternal and Child Health Equity Grant, the unspent funds of the Oshkosh Area Community foundation Developmental Screening project grant.

Is full Amt Required: No

Other Govt. Funding: Yes. Private, public and community foundation funds have been awarded to First 5 Fox Valley for various projects.

Name of Organization leading the project/looking for funding: First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Assigned Application Number: 29

- 2023 ThedaCare Community Health Grant \$55,000
- 2023-2024 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board- Connecting Resources & Child Care \$110,461. Navigators to support work with child care programs.
- 2022-2023 AHW Community-Led Population and Community Health Study \$200,000-
- 2022 Outagamie County ARPA Non-profit Community Grants \$50,000
- 2021-2022 CHAT Funding \$58,000
- 2021 WI Department of Children and Families PDG- Community Innovation \$100,000
- 2020-2024 Basic Needs Giving Partnership Fox Cities- Welcome Baby Grant \$500,000 over 5 years
- 2020-2023 Oshkosh Area Community Foundation- Oshkosh Developmental Screening Grant \$256,200 over 3 years.

Portion funded by local, state or federal government funding:

the navigator position identified specifically to work within Winnebago County communities, school districts and child care programs.

Other ARPA Funds:

Outagamie County ARPA grant 2021

AHW- Maternal and Child Health Equity Grant- federal pass through to Wi Department of Health to be distributed by the Alliance for Healthier Wisconsin foundation.

Ongoing Maint:

First 5 Fox Valley, Inc

Increase to Operational budget:

No. The sustainability of the navigator positions are created with partners embedding the positions within their own budgets after 3 years of start up support- such as this grant opportunity.

Legacy:

N/A

One-time funding:

to take over

Operational, says for 3 years, intent for other programs

Geographic service area:

Winn. Co.

Other funding:

Matching grant funds from the AHW Community Impact Grant and the Medical College of Wisconsin Maternal and Child Health Equity Grant, the unspent funds of the Oshkosh Area Community foundation Developmental Screening project grant.

Notes:

the operational costs of staff person.

Unsure of lasting impact if other programs don't pick up

GOVT: Debt Avoidance:

Quazi-Govt? Winn.Co Health Dept.

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Sustainability focused:	N/A
ER Response:	N/A
Water Quality:	N/A
Quality of Life:	N/A
Funding to assist private investor:	N/A

Spirit Fund Project Funding Opportunities

Background: In March of 2023, the Winnebago County Board applied surplus dollars to a special revenue fund titled the Spirit Fund to invest in legacy projects for the county government and certain identified community projects. The fund totals just over \$33 million and is split roughly in half for county government projects and identified community projects. Spending proposals are sent to the county board after deliberation of the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission. The commission is putting out this funding opportunities request.

This document was approved at the commission's May 3, 2023, meeting.

Minimum and Maximum Awards: For planning purposes, a minimum award is \$50,000 with a maximum award of \$500,000. The commission upon review may choose to increase the maximum awards. Proposals seeking more than \$500,000 should include a section on why more funding is needed.

Match Dollars: Matching funds are required. No award may exceed 50% of the total project cost. Other government funds are eligible for match. All government funds should not exceed 75% of the total project unless the proposal is for a government project. Private and foundation matching dollars are preferred.

One-time funds: The commission is seeking ideas to fund legacy, one-time funds. At this time, pilot programs which require on-going or future costs will not be considered. Requests for operational dollars will also not be considered.

Framework of Spirit Fund Spending: All proposals should clearly articulate how the project complies with as many outcomes identified in the commission approved Framework of Spirit Fund Spending document.

Broad Categories and Funding Available: At this time, it is unknown how much total funding is available. The amounts included in the Spirit Fund planning document are below and are a best guess of allocation. In addition to the framework document, proposals should fit into three broad categories.

Health and Human Services - \$2,500,000

Economic Development and Housing Initiatives - \$6,120,624

Veterans Transitional Housing - \$1,000,000

Project Completion: It is expected that all projects which receive awards are completed by December of 2026.

Other County Funding: All proposals must identify any county funding, including pass through grants, received in the past ten years, and requested in 2023 and 2024 from all departments.

Other Funding Opportunities: Proposals which identify other funding or grant opportunities are encouraged even if the organization submitting is not requesting the funds. Ideas for using Spirit Fund dollars as a required match in other grant and funding opportunities are especially encouraged.

Single-Audit: All organizations receiving money may be required to submit a single-audit or other audit documents. Previous years' audits may be requested prior to awarding of Spirit Funds.

Length of Application: All proposals are limited to a word count of 2000.

Attachments: There is no limit to attachments; however, attachments may not be scored.

Submission and questions: All proposals and questions should be submitted to spirit@winnebagocountywi.gov by July 15, 2023. Question answers will be posted to the Winnebago County website.

Review and Scoring: All proposals will be reviewed and scored by a citizen member of the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission in July with staff support from the Office of the County Executive. The citizen member will be determined by a majority vote of the commission. With consent of the commission co-chairs, the citizen member may choose up-to three additional citizen reviewers. Each reviewer will represent one of the following areas: Oshkosh, Neenah/Menasha, and the rural areas. No additional reviewer may have a conflict of interest with any of the applications.

The commission appointed Beth Oswald as the citizen member to lead scoring.

Ideas for County Government Projects: This announcement of funding opportunities is intended for community projects. Ideas for County Government Projects could be submitted using the same email address and 2000-word limit.

Advertising of this document: This document will be posted on the front page of the county website, released with a press release to the media, emailed to all current partners of the county, emailed to all local governments in the county, and emailed to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, United Ways covering the county & chambers of commerce covering the county to encourage those entities to email to potential applications.