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Proviso Public Partnership Awarded \$500k Grant from Cook County Health *Grant Will Expand In-School Counseling Services*

HILLSIDE, Illinois - The Proviso Public Partnership, in collaboration with the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission, is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of grant for nearly half a million dollars from Cook County Health's Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative.

"The PPP currently supports five schools in Proviso Township with counselors that offer behavioral health services for students and this grant will help us reach more Proviso residents," said PPP President Mike Corrigan. "Not only does this program give us the opportunity to support students, but it opens the door to their family and lets them know that we have a wide variety of programs that might benefit other people in their network."

The Proviso Public Partnership was awarded \$499,960.67 for its project titled, The Proviso Comprehensive School Program (PCSP). The program provides school-based behavioral health services within Proviso Township communities, including Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, Bellwood, Hillside and Stone Park. President Corrigan expects that the grant from Cook County Health will help them more than double the number of schools where they provide behavioral health care services.

"The PPP is incredibly grateful to Cook County and the Stronger Together Initiative for their support of our Proviso Comprehensive School Program," said Proviso Public Partnership Director Joe Vasilevski. "We are excited to see where this collaborative partnership takes the PPP and are looking forward to continue serving members of the Proviso community with their behavioral health needs."

The [Stronger Together Initiative](#) aims to address behavioral health inequities across the region's system of care through increased systems alignment, enhanced system quality, and the expansion of access to early intervention and prevention, treatment, support, recovery, and crisis assessment and care.

Fifty-three organizations were selected, with applicants that serve communities that score the highest on the Social-Vulnerability Index receiving priority.

This initiative, led by the Office of Behavioral Health at [Cook County Health](#) (CCH) is supported by funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury, under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocated to CCH by [Cook County Government](#).

“This initiative highlights how government and other sectors of our community can work together to benefit the greater good,” Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said. “This is a historic opportunity to make meaningful change in Cook County for generations.”

“I am grateful to President Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners for entrusting us as stewards of these funds to help address the broad behavioral health needs we see across Cook County,” said Cook County Health Interim CEO Dr. Erik Mikaitis. “The community-focused institutions awarded today will make a significant impact in expanding access to comprehensive, culturally appropriate behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery services. As a leader and convener in this space, Cook County Health knows that we are truly stronger together.”

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About Proviso Public Partnership

The Proviso Public Partnership is a community based nonprofit organization created in 2013. Our mission is to advance behavioral wellness by advocating, coordinating, and providing services that enhance the well-being of children, adults and seniors in our community.

About Cook County Health

One of the largest public health systems in the nation, Cook County Health (CCH) serves as the safety-net for health care in Chicago and suburban Cook County. CCH is comprised of two hospitals, a robust network of more than a dozen community health centers, the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, the Cook County Department of Public Health, Correctional Health Services, which provides health care to individuals at the Cook County Jail and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, and CountyCare, a Medicaid managed care health plan. Through the health system and the health plan, CCH cares for more than 500,000 individuals each year, and its physicians are experts in their fields, committed to providing their patients with comprehensive, compassionate, and cutting-edge care. Today, CCH is transforming the provision of health care in Cook County by promoting community-based primary and preventive care, growing an innovative, collaborative health plan, and enhancing the patient experience.

About Cook County Government

Cook County is the second largest county in the United States representing 5.2 million residents in Illinois. The President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Cook County and oversees the Offices Under the President and presides as president of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.