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CLARK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SALES TAX FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2024

The Clark County Mental Health Sales Tax Funding Advisory Board convened on August 27th, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.

<u>2:00pm</u>

Introduction and Welcome

The advisory board approved the minutes of July 11th. The group discussed the deadlines for completing review of internal and external RFP submissions

Internal MHST Requests

The board reviewed the 8 internal applications submitted for mental health sales tax funding, and budget office staff plan to have internal proposals ready for final review soon. The board discussed how to access the applications on ClarkNet when available. The board decided to have an extra meeting to consider internal requests on Sept 16, following interviews on the 11th.

External MHST Requests

The group discussed the process for external funding requests. For 2025, there were 34 submissions, 25 of which passed administrative review. Those 25 requests total just under \$40 million, which is significantly higher than the available fund balance in the MHST Fund (1033). 17 of the external proposals are from new agencies the county has not worked with before. The board discussed the need to balance internal and external priorities as the group reviewed proposals and considered how to best allocate available funds.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Clark County Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board will be held on September 11, 2024, at 2:45pm.