

# RMHF Response to Grant Partner Survey

## May 2026

A Grant Partner Survey was launched in April of 2026. 160 surveys were sent and 89 were returned.

In this incredibly busy and stressful time we are grateful that so many people took the time to give us thoughtful and candid feedback. In response to the question *What do you most want RMHF to understand about your organization and its current challenges?* You all eloquently shared your current reality related to funding instability, concerns for your staff and rising community needs. To respond to the challenges of this moment the Board has approved increased spending for RMHF – a 25% increase (\$1.25M) in 2026, a 25% increase (\$1.25M) in 2027 and a 12% increase (\$625k) in 2028. We are committed to continuing to support you all in any way we can.

Access to the additional dollars is through the Critical Service Fund. The last cycle for 2026 will open August 21<sup>st</sup>. Applications are due September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to your Resource and Relationship Partner – Julie or Stephanie - if you have any questions.

### Actions to respond to advice or suggestions for RMHF

- **Continue many current practices.** Many of the respondents asked that we continue to offer multi-year, general operating funding and maintain open communications. We will continue to do both. We do not expect to have any changes in our focus areas – basic needs, behavioral and physical health - in the next few years. Our grant cycles will remain the same with the exception that Workforce Development may be suspended in 2027.
- **Create more opportunities for connection.** We will be offering more opportunities, through Zoom meetings, for people to connect in a safe space. You will be seeing more invitations to gather with your colleagues by service area, region, and job position.  
**AS ALWAYS, PARTICIPATION IS ENTIRELY OPTIONAL.**
- **Connection with other funders.** Staff are happy to help you connect with funders based in other parts of the state. We try to keep up with funding priorities and we have contacts we can introduce you to. If this would be helpful to you please reach out to your Resource and Relationship Partner – Julie or Stephanie.
- **A webinar on communicating with funders.** This fall we will be offering a session on strategies for effectively communicating with funders.

**Thoughts?** If the survey brought up questions or ideas you would like to discuss, we look forward to talking with you.