

Memo

To: Kris A. Knochelmann, Kenton County Judge/Executive
Dr. Jon Draud, Kenton County Commissioner
Joe Nienaber, Kenton County Commissioner
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Stacy Tapke, Kenton County Attorney

Date: July 10, 2023

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Re: Proposed Social Services Funding from COLT Fund

Per the request of the Fiscal Court, the ARPA funds review team had productive follow-up on-site visits with Holly Hill Child & Family Solutions – <https://www.hollyhill-ky.org/> - and DCCH Center for Children and Families – <https://www.dcchcenter.org/>.

Both Holly Hill and DCCH provided compelling evidence of infrastructure challenges that warrant one-time support beyond yearly service unit funding, particularly given the emerging evidence of mental health issues among children caused by the pandemic. The COLT Fund contains over \$2,000,000 in mental health reserves, and administration and treasury staff believe up to \$1,000,000 of this amount can be deployed in one-time grants without compromising the financial stability of the fund.

As a result, the ARPA funds review team is recommending that \$1,000,000 from the COLT Fund reserves be split evenly between Holly Hill and DCCH, both critical institutions to caring for youth struggling with mental health issues.

It is recommended that Holly Hill be designated to receive up to **\$500,000** to replace its existing wastewater treatment package plant. If Holly Hill can replace its wastewater treatment package plant for less than this amount, it may use the first **\$22,500** in savings to replace its current, and outdated, security cameras, and the next **\$75,000** in savings to assist in the purchase of a 14-passenger van. This reflects Holly Hill's articulated priorities.

It is recommended that DCCH be designated to receive up to **\$500,000** for complete replacement of its residential bathrooms, currently estimated to cost \$368,920, and any remainder in funds after the completion of this project be applied to replacing flooring throughout its facility. This reflects DCCH's articulated priorities.