

Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting October 5, 2021

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Agency Funding Special Meeting of the Maine Township Board, Cook County, Illinois will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with Section 80-10(b) of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/80-10(b). Said special meeting has been called by Township Supervisor Karen J. Dimond, for the purpose for the Agencies which are applying for the 2022 Funding Grants, to submit their presentation to the Maine Township Board. The Agency Funding Special Meeting will be held at the Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Dimond, Trustees Jones, Horvath, Malik and Maher

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Richard Lyon, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Brank Mackic, Eva Magnowski and Wiesia Tytko.

Supervisor Dimond called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chief Deputy Tytko called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Miracle House, Inc.
Presentation by Sandi Anderson. 2022 funding request: \$10,000.
Miracle House, Inc. is a halfway house for women 18 and older recovering from addiction. The residents are required to find employment within four weeks. They are required to be working with and AA sponsor and attend meetings 7 days a week. They offer Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at their house 6 days a week for the community.
See video at 1:47.
2. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic
Presentation by Susan Shulman. 2022 funding request: \$10,000.
The mission of the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic is to provide accessible, quality pro-bono legal services in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and housing to give those in need of access to justice the opportunity to live productive and secure lives. To be eligible for services, clients must be at or below 25% of the federal poverty guidelines, or \$66,250 for a family of four. There are no income requirements for victims of domestic violence.
See video at 15:15.
3. District 63 Education Foundation-Expanded Learning
Presentation by Angelica Schab. 2022 funding request: \$40,000.
District 63's out-of-school-time programs are operated by Expanded Learning. This academic year marks the 21st year of providing necessary services to the families of District 63 and Maine Township. The District 63 Education Foundation (hereby referred to as The Foundation) exists to sustain the accessibility of programs delivered by Expanded Learning to the families of District 63 and Maine Township.
See video at 23:53.

4. Avenues to Independence
Presentation by Jason Clark. 2022 funding request: \$50,000.
Avenues to Independence provides vocational and residential training programs to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those with autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome and other I/DD. Programs are located in Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Wheeling and Northwest Chicago.
See video at 34:20.
5. The Josselyn Center
Presentation by Susan Resko and Michael Scholl. 2022 funding request: \$120,000.
The Josselyn Center, a certified Community Mental Health Center, provides comprehensive mental health services to low-income individuals. They are an essential lifeline for Maine Township residents. The Josselyn Center's mission is to provide affordable mental health services that make lives better for their clients, their families, and their community. They envision a world in which ALL individuals and families who are affected by a mental health condition have access to affordable, quality care, regardless of ability to pay.
See video at 39:07.
6. Glenkirk
Presentation by Kim Berenberg. 2022 funding request: \$10,000.
Glenkirk provides innovative and cutting-edge programming to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Its mission is to provide quality, lifetime support and services that empower individuals with developmental disabilities to participate fully in all areas of community life. Ultimately, Glenkirk's services help those they serve to imagine their best lives, explore the opportunities around them, and connect with their communities.
See video at 51:41.
7. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR)
Presentation by Trisha Breitlow. 2022 funding request: \$5,000.
M-NASR provides engaging and outstanding community, social, recreational and inclusion programs and services for all children and adults with disabilities. Striving to become the leading force in creating programs that enrich life experiences of individuals with special needs, they serve participants, and their families residing within their seven-member park districts giving the opportunity to grow and discover their potential through quality recreation services.
See video at 57:57.
8. Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County
Presentation by Mark Parr. 2022 funding request: \$5,000.
The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) was established in 1989 to provide direct services for child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse or other crimes and their non-offending family members. The CAC reduces trauma, provides support and helps victims to heal from their abuse by coordinating the multidisciplinary; providing expert child interviews; crisis intervention; court advocacy; case management and referral services; and offering evidence-based, trauma-informed and support groups for children and parents.
See video at 1:12:06.
9. Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center
Presentation by Katrina Volkens and Christine Berry. 2022 funding request: \$5,000.
Zacharias Center's (ZCenter) mission is to mobilize the community toward ending systemic sexual violence while amplifying the voice of survivors through trauma informed care, advocacy, and prevention education. Since 1983, ZCenter has provided crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, victim awareness, and community education for survivors of sexual abuse. Their counselors and staff serve all survivors regardless of race, gender, language, ability, sexual orientation, or religion. Services are in English, Spanish, or any other language needed. 80% of their clientele report living in poverty. In 2021, ZCenter opened a location in Skokie to better serve their clients in Cook County, including those in Maine Township.
See video at 1:22:26.

10. WINGS Program, Inc.

Presentation by Luticia Fiorito. 2022 funding request: \$9,000.

WINGS mission is to provide housing, integrative services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence. Since 1985, WINGS has been providing a continuum of housing and supportive services to individuals and their families as they flee domestic violence. Over these 36 years WINGS has created a continuum of housing which includes two Safe Houses, collectively serving 90 individuals between 90-120 days. Due to WINGS' commitment to its clients and ensuring they have housing options that meet the client where they are at financially, emotionally and mentally upon exiting emergency shelter.

See video at 1:32:18.

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding committee: Supervisor Dimond, Trustee Jones, Trustee Horvath, Trustee Maher, Trustee Malik, Administrator Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Richard Lyon and Austin Kelso which were answered by the presenters.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk