

Maine Township Agency Funding Special meeting has been videotaped.

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[https://mainetown.com/government/agendas\\_minutes.php](https://mainetown.com/government/agendas_minutes.php)

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

Others in attendance: Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Evan White, and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the special meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deputy Clerk Magnowski called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by the following Agencies:

1. Life Span

Presentation by Amy Fox. 2024 funding request: \$15,000.

The agency was founded in 1978 by a coalition of concerned women in the north and northwest suburbs of Cook County and their mission is to empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence to demand safety as a human right. They ensure responsive and appropriate treatment and delivery of services to survivors of abuse. Life Span is a client-centered organization whose aim is to change social attitudes toward domestic violence through accountability, community engagement, and systemic advocacy.

See video at 1:51

2. Josselyn

Presentation by Susan Resko and Michael Scholl. 2024 funding request: \$141,700.

The Josselyn Center, a nonprofit Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) accredited by the Illinois Department of Human Services. Their mission is to improve lives by providing quality mental health care for communities. The services include psychiatry, outpatient therapeutic counseling, case management for all ages, expressive therapy, intensive outpatient programs for children and adolescents, community drop-in spaces, employment support for adults, Latino Youth Services, and Mental First Aid training. The Josselyn Center's mission is to provide quality mental health care for communities that are affordable for individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay.

See video at 5:08

3. The Harbour, Inc.

Presentation by Melody Rose and Jessica Wright. 2024 funding request: \$10,000.

The Harbour serves homeless suburban youth - a population that is often denied and underserved. The Harbour offers a myriad of programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness in N & NW suburban Cook County. This is a nonprofit, community - based, Licensed Child Welfare Agency with nearly 50 years of experience serving youth. The facility provides short-term shelter and crisis intervention and up to 18 months of transitional housing in both supervised group homes and independent apartments with declining rent subsidies. Youth in their transitional housing programs receive intensive life skills training, health education, budgeting and financial literacy, employment skills training, and educational support.

See video at 15:26

4. Turning Point Behavioral Health Center

Presentation by Jennifer Sultz and Julie Rooney. 2024 funding request: \$50,000.

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center is a non-profit outpatient mental health center serving families for over 50 years with a mission to provide solid support when and where they need it most. In fiscal year 2023, Turning Point served 1,398 individuals, approximately 90% of whom were low-income.

Services include individual and group therapy, case management, a residential living program, and crisis services including The Living Room and Resource Center.

See video at 20:06

5. KAN-WIN

Presentation by Ji Hye Kim. 2024 funding request: \$5,000.

Located in Park Ridge, KAN-WIN's mission is to eradicate gender-based violence through comprehensive, survivor-centered services, education, and outreach to Asian American communities and beyond. KAN-WIN offers a range of culturally and linguistically appropriate, survivor-centered services, including crisis intervention, counseling, transitional housing, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, support groups, art therapy, children's programs, economic empowerment services, and more. They also engage in outreach, training peer advocates to educate immigrant community members about domestic abuse and sexual assault.

See video at 30:08

6. Children's Advocacy Center

Presentation by Melanie Pignotti. 2024 funding request: \$5,000.

The Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County (CAC) is the leading resource to empower and heal children who have been impacted by abuse and prevent violence against children. CAC provides comprehensive case coordination to aid the investigative process, forensic interviews, victim advocacy, medical, and therapeutic services for children who are alleged victims or witnesses to abuse or other crimes. All services are free and provided in English and Spanish and include the child's non-offending family members.

See video at 38:36

7. Orchard Village

Presentation by Joseph Like. 2024 funding request: \$2,500.

Orchard Village partners with families and communities to optimize personal outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities through a community-integrated approach. A 501(c)3 organization located in Skokie, Illinois, Orchard Village is committed to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by protecting and nurturing their right to control their own destiny.

See video at 45:28

8. Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR)

Presentation by Trisha Breitlow and Vera Kramer. 2024 funding request: \$5,000.

Since 1971, the Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) has provided and facilitated recreation programs and services for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. M-NASR provides individuals with disabilities access to meaningful and life-enriching recreation and leisure opportunities. M-NASR programming can enable participants to make strides towards their own personal goals, such as social skills, communications skills, life skills, community integration and pursuing recreational opportunities.

See video at 51:54

9. Avenues to Independence

Presentation by Stephen Kray and Stacie Cragg. 2024 funding request: \$50,000

Avenues to Independence provides homes, jobs, and social opportunities to hundreds of adults with autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, and other physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities so they can live and work in the community with independence and dignity.

See video at 1:01:50

10. Oakton College Educational Foundation

Presentation by Jessi Noon. 2024 funding request: \$50,000

The mission of the Oakton College Educational Foundation is to enable student success by eliminating financial barriers and personal obstacles for residents seeking to better their circumstances. The Educational Foundation works as Oakton College's philanthropic arm while positioning the College to be a premier community partner. In FY 2022, the Educational Foundation made \$1.6 million in funding

available to the Institution, with 50% supporting scholarship and other forms of direct student aid and the balance used to enhance academic programs and to help students overcome obstacles to continuing their education.

See video at 1:09:19

11. Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (NW CASA)

Presentation by Rebecca Plascencia. 2024 funding request: \$10,000

NWCASA works to empower individuals impacted by sexual harm and engage communities to end sexual violence. Their free services include individual, family, and group counseling for Survivors and their loved ones; medical advocacy at hospital emergency rooms; legal advocacy at local police departments and courthouses; general advocacy & referral services; crisis intervention telephone hotline; and professional training, sexual abuse prevention education, and community activism. Medical advocacy and Crisis hotlines are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and many services offered are available in both English and Spanish. NWCASA does this through 3 office locations and via virtual services.

See video at 1:19:47

12. Center of Concern

Presentation by Greg Ekland. 2024 funding request: \$55,000

The Center of Concern is a nonprofit social service agency that provides housing, community, and older adult services to enable vulnerable residents to live with dignity and independence. Founded in 1978 And celebrating 45 years of service, the agency has grown to offer comprehensive programs and services that all share a common purpose: supporting families and strengthening the community. Last year, the Center of Concern provided 23,357 individualized services to Maine Township residents in need.

See video at 1:23:32

13. Northwest Compass, Inc.

Presentation by Sonia Ivanov. 2024 funding request: \$10,000.

Northwest Compass, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that has provided various programs to the moderate-and low-income populations in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. Its mission has been to enhance the community by providing emergency services, education, and empowerment which foster personal responsibility for those that are vulnerable or in crisis. Northwest Compass provides comprehensive solution-focused case management, brief crisis intervention, counseling, and assistance to people experiencing housing instability or homelessness by connecting them to housing options, resources, and various supportive services. Their programs strive to positively impact the lives of their clients in three major categories: Stabilization, Empowerment, and Housing.

See video at 1:27:51

14. Glenkirk

Presentation by Kim Berenberg. 2024 funding request: \$7,500

Glenkirk provides quality, lifetime supports and services that empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in all areas of community life. Glenkirk offers a variety of residential, day, and employment programs, as well as respite, medical, and behavioral health services.

See video at 1:36:11

15. Resources for Community Living

Presentation by Sandra Devona. 2024 funding request: \$4,000.

Resources for Community Living offers a variety of services that enable greater community living for their clients. RCL assists adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities to live independently in their own homes/apartments. They provide support services, housing options, social group activities, family support groups, vocational services, transportation, individualized skill training, and referral/partnership with other resources and programs. RCL offers disabled Maine Township adults' opportunities to achieve greater self-esteem, dignity, and participation in all aspects of community life.

See video at 1:39:11

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding Committee: Supervisor Dimond, Trustee Jones, Trustee Horvath, Trustee Maher, Marie Dachniwsky, and Richard Lyon which were answered by the presenters.

MaineStay Agency and Program Coordinator Evan White stated that recommendation amounts from the Administrator and Department Heads will be included in the November Board packet. He asked the Board of Trustees to submit their recommendations by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. White stated that the Trustees' recommendations will be added to the chart and then the average from the Board and Staff will be calculated. He stated that the 2024-2025 Grant will be presented in December.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Jones	Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk