

Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting October 1, 2024

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

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Iain Parker, Kim Berenberg, Christeon Mayfield, Olivia Stueben, Trisha Breitlow, Luticia Fiorito, Jennifer Hamilton, Frederick Smith, Alison Pittas, Anne Cauley, Joseph Like, Keith Gasiorowski, Angelica Schab, Greg Devenport, Arshia Hasnain, Karen Fay and Eva Magnowski.

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

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Glenkirk

Presentation by Kim Berenberg. 2025 funding request: \$6,500

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 2:30

2. Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center

Presentation by Olivia Stueben. 2025 funding request: \$3,000.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse 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 2016, ZCenter opened a location in Skokie to better serve their clients in Cook County, including those in Maine Township.

See video at 5:58

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

Presentation by Trisha Breitlow and Regina Mundt. 2025 funding request: \$5,000.

The Maine Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) has provided children, teens and adults with disabilities access to meaningful and life-enriching recreation and leisure opportunities since 1972. M-NASR's comprehensive recreation programming is developed for a wide range of ages, interests and abilities, and includes athletics, fitness, cultural arts, bowling, aquatics, day camps, Special Olympics opportunities, social outings, virtual programs, in school leisure education and more.

See video at 13:58

4. WINGS Program, Inc.

Presentation by Luticia Fiorito. 2025 funding request: \$10,000.

The mission of WINGS Program, Inc. is to provide housing, integrative services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence. As the largest provider of domestic violence services in Illinois, in fiscal year 2024 WINGS provided 1,221 Survivors with individualized resources: emergency, transitional,

Permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing along with community-based services. The Children & Family Services program provides individualized counseling and case management services for the children who reside in WINGS housing to break the cycle of violence. In November 2023, WINGS expanded its Community Based Services with the opening the Foglia Family Resource Center, a new state-of-the-art counseling center which offers safety planning, adult counseling, support groups, Children and Family Services program and parenting education classes for Survivors and their families.

See video at 21:44

5. Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center

Presentation by Jennifer Hamilton. 2025 funding request: \$70,636.

Leyden Family Service is a 501c3 Joint Commission, accredited Community Mental Health Center in existence since 1950, providing a broad array of Behavioral Health Services to adults, adolescents, children, families, couples and seniors. Leyden provides Outpatient Mental Health and Crisis services for adults and children. Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Transitional Living, and Peer Support Center are offered for those with serious and persistent mental illness. The case Management and Benefit Assistance Programs are available to all clients we serve, as well as a Food Pantry open to the community. The Agency collaborates with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

See video at 28:35

6. Family Behavioral Health Clinic - Maryville

Presentation by Fred Smith. 2025 funding request: \$24,500.

The Maryville Behavioral Health Clinic has been operating in Des Plaines since 2014 and serves children, adolescents, adults and families. The clinic is open six days a week, is accessible by public transportation, and accepts Medicaid. Services include mental health services, substances use disorder counseling and treatment, court mandated anger management services, and DUI risk education and counseling.

See video at 35:27

7. Northwest Compass, Inc.

Presentation by Alison Pittas. 2025 funding request: \$10,000.

For over 37 years, 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. Their mission is 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 46:33

8. Arts of Life (New Agency)

Presentation by Anne Cauley. 2025 funding request: \$5,000.

Arts of Life opened in 2000 on Chicago's near west side as the first, and still the only, State-licensed community day program in Illinois that focuses on artistic vocational opportunities with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Arts of Life advances the creative arts community by providing artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities a collective space to expand their practice and strengthen their leadership.

Arts of Life's core values include: Inspiring Artistic Expressions – creating a safe place for creative decision-making and experimentation while promoting self-confidence, critical thinking, and problem solving; Building Community: building a collective of professional artists grounded in collaborative decision-making and mutual respect; Promoting Self-Respect: accepting and encouraging all community members to develop a deeper understanding of self; Developing Independence; gaining freedom through creative practice and professional development.

See video at 51:00

9. Orchard Village  
Presentation by Joseph Like. 2025 funding request: \$2,500.  
Orchard Village partners with families and communities to optimize personal outcomes for nearly 300 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 54:16
10. Resources for Community Living  
Presentation by Keith Gasiorowski. 2025 funding request: \$4,000.  
Resources for Community Living offers a variety of services which 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 1:03:44
11. District 63 Education Foundation/Expended Learning  
Presentation by Angelica Schab. 2025 funding request: \$25,000.  
The East Maine School District 63 Foundation (D63 Foundation) plays a vital role in supporting community and youth initiatives within East Maine School District 63, serving the residents of Maine Township. One of its key contributions is to the D63 Family Resource Center Marketplace, a critical resource that functions that functions as both a food pantry and community closet. This marketplace is especially important for community members facing housing, food, or financial insecurity, including families new to the country who are starting over under challenging circumstances. Additionally, the D63 Supports the Expanded Learning program at D63, an out-of-school-time initiative housed in the DS 63 Family Resource Center. The Foundation also supports the Open Gym program, a drop-in initiative for teens in D63 and Maine Township.  
See video at 1:07:08
12. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic  
Presentation by Greg Davenport. 2025 funding request: \$10,000.  
North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic (NSLAC) provides free legal services in Lake County and northern Cook County regarding Domestic Violence, Housing, and Immigration. NSLAC began in 2015 in response to a document lack of affordable legal services in the area, and in the 2018 expanded to its current service area. Except for survivors of domestic violence, for whom there is no income limit, clients must be under 250% of the federal poverty level.  
The DV practice focuses on cases that involve the personal safety for victims of domestic violence and their children.  
See video at 1:15:07
13. Empowering Women  
Presentation by Arshia Hasnain. 2025 funding request: \$20,000.  
Empowering Women NFP's mission is to break the cycle of gender-based violence by providing necessary services in and around Chicago, while being trauma informed and culturally respectful, reflecting the specific needs of underserved communities of color in particular. The agency provides a full spectrum of services, counseling, legal help and work skills development.  
See video at 1:25:58
14. Center for Enriched Living (CEL)  
Presentation by Karen Fay. 2025 funding request: \$5,000.  
For 56 years, Center for Enriched Living has provided programming for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ensure members are part of a part of a dynamic community where their voices are heard, choices are respected, and their hopes, wishes and dreams are pursued. CEL

members come from a variety of settings – homes, schools, and area agencies where people live, work and attend day programs. CEL has no geographic boundaries. CEL is open seven days a week for teens, adults and seniors. Members can choose to participate in more than 60 different virtual or in-person programs that cover a wide variety of interests and budgets and focus on social, recreational, and educational programming; employment opportunities; and mental; behavioral health support.

See video at 1:32:11

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

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Horvath	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 8:15 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk