

Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting September 16, 2025

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https://mainetown.com/government/agendas_minutes.php

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

Others in attendance: Vicki Rizzo, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Iain Parker, Lindsay Igyarto, Luticia Fiorito, Stephen Kray, Maile Nguyen, Kim Berenberg, Marcy Larson, Gus Anagnostopoulos, Whitney Madeen, Amy O'Leary, Anne Brown, MK Barley-Jenkins, Allison Pittas, Anne Cauley, Kathryn Matousek, Fredrick Smith, Karen Fay and Jessica Guzman.

Supervisor Jones called the special meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deputy Clerk Guzman called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Oakton College Educational Foundation

Presentation by Lindsay Igyarto. 2026 funding request: \$25,000

Oakton Community College Educational Foundation's supports student success by eliminating financial and personal barriers through scholarships, direct support, and program enhancements. In fiscal year 2025 the foundation provided over \$2 million in funding, impacting more than 6,000 students. Oakton College, is a two-year public institution serving 8,611 unduplicated students, 6,141 students enrolled in credit classes, and 2,470 non-credit students, offers more than 80 programs of study, workforce development, and continuing education. With campuses in Des Plaines, Skokie, Evanston and online, Oakton serves a diverse population representing 55 nations. Recent initiatives include the launch of the Research, Innovation and Creative Engagement (RICE) Center and the Health Careers Education Center (HCEC), expanding opportunities in research, equity, and healthcare career training.

See video at 1:17

2. WINGS Program, Inc.

Presentation by Luticia Fiorito. 2026 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 2025 WINGS provided 1,365 Survivors with individualized resources. The agency offers safe housing, emergency shelter, transitional programs, and supportive services design to promote safety, healing and long-term independence. WINGS delivers specialized counseling through its Family Resource Center and its partnership with area hospitals. These services include individual, group, and bedside counseling, to ensure survivors and their families receive consistent, passionate and integrative care through their recovery journey.

See video at 7:57

3. Avenues to Independence

Presentation by Stephen Kray. 2026 funding request: \$60,000

Avenues to Independence, founded in 1953, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in northwest Chicago and suburban Cook County. The agency provides residential, vocational, employment readiness, and community-based programs that promote independence, inclusion, and meaningful participation in the community.

See video at 15:11

4. KAN-WIN

Presentation by Maile Nguyen. 2026 funding request: \$5,000.

KAN-WIN is dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence. The agency is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that provides culturally competent, multilingual services including crisis intervention, counseling, transitional housing, advocacy, and support groups. Through education and outreach, KAN-WIN empowers survivors, engages the community, and promotes safety and healing.

See video at 24:20

5. Glenkirk

Presentation by Kim Berenberg. 2026 funding request: \$10,000

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 33:14

6. Resources for Community Living

Presentation by Gus Anagnostopoulos. 2026 funding request: \$5,000.

Resources for Community Living (RCL) provides supportive community living services that empower individuals with disabilities to live more independent, fulfilling lives. RCL offers a variety of programs designed to assist clients in areas such as housing guidance, life skills development, and access to essential resources. Through compassionate support and personalized assistance, RCL helps clients achieve greater self-sufficiency and meaningful community participation.

See video at 36:52

7. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Presentation by Marcy Larson. 2026 funding request: \$3,500.

National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) is a nonpro organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals living with mental illness and their families through education, support, and advocacy. Serving the northern suburbs of Cook County, Illinois, NAMI offers free programs such as education classes, community outreach, and support groups to promote understanding, reduce stigma, and provide resources for mental health recovery. The organization is committed to walking alongside individuals and families on their mental health journey, helping to restore hope, build resilience, and strengthen the community.

See video at 46:02

8. Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook (New Agency)

Presentation by Amy O'Leary. 2026 funding request: \$15,210.

Youth Services has been serving children, teens, and families for over 50 years, providing mental health care, after-school programs, and youth development services. The agency offers a comprehensive wrap-around approach, including counseling, behavioral health supports, academic mentoring, and specialized programs for LGBTQ+ youth and under-resourced communities. With a mission to promote the social-emotional well-being of young people. Youth Services ensures that no family is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

See video at 51:02

9. PEER Services, Inc.

Presentation by Anne Brown. 2026 funding request: \$20,000.

Founded in 1975, PEER Services is a nonprofit agency providing substance use prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support for residents of northern Cook County. Accredited by the Joint Commission and licensed by the Illinois Department of Human Services, the agency offers outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment for teens, young adults, and adults; medication-assisted recovery; family support services; and community prevention education. PEER Services partners with local schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations to expand access to care and promote long-term recovery.

See video at 1:03:35

10. Josselyn
Presentation by MK Barley-Jenkins. 2026 funding request: \$69,000.
Josselyn is a nonprofit Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) that has been serving communities for over 70 years. With a mission to improve lives by providing affordable, accessible, and high-quality mental health care, Josselyn now supports nearly 8,000 clients across 300 communities in northern Illinois, including underserved populations. Services include psychiatry, outpatient therapy, case management, youth and senior programs, and community-based initiatives. Guided by its commitment to equity and excellence, Josselyn continues to expand access to care while maintaining a strong record of staff retention and organizational recognition.
See video at 1:09:30
11. Northwest Compass, Inc.
Presentation by Alison Pittas. 2026 funding request: \$10,000.
Northwest Compass, Inc. is a nonprofit based in Mount Prospect, IL, serving over 65 communities in the Northwest Suburbs of Cook County. For over 40 years, the organization has provided crisis intervention services with a focus on housing stability, food security, and wrap-around support for vulnerable individuals and families, including youth, veterans, seniors and newly arrived immigrants. Programs include housing assistance, food pantry operations, and supportive services such as counseling, career coaching, legal aid, and access to emergency supplies. Northwest Compass is committed to promoting stability, self-empowerment, and independence for those in need.
See video at 1:13:38
12. Arts of Life
Presentation by Anne Cauley. 2026 funding request: \$5,000.
Arts of Life is a nonprofit organization that advances the creative arts community by providing artist with intellectual and developmental disabilities, opportunities for artistic expression, professional growth, and leadership. Founded in 2000, it remains the only state-licensed community day program in Illinois dedicated to artistic vocational opportunities for adults with I/DD. The agency operates in Chicago, Glenview, and Chicago's South side, supporting more than 80 professional artist each year and reaching an audience of over 80,000. Its programs foster skill development, independence, and community inclusion through artmaking, professional development, and public engagement.
See video at 1:18:16
13. Miracle House
Presentation by Kathryn Matousek. 2026 funding request: \$17,500.
Miracle House is a halfway house in Des Plaines, Illinois, serving women 18 years and older who are recovering from addiction. The program requires residents to obtain employment within four weeks and participate actively in recovery by working with an AA sponsor and attending daily meetings. Miracle House also hosts Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at the facility six days a week, supporting both residents and wider community.
See video at 1:26:44
14. Family Behavioral Health Clinic - Maryville
Presentation by Fred Smith. 2026 funding request: \$29,000.
Maryville's Family Behavioral Health Clinic, based in Des Plaines since 2014, provides counseling and support services to children, adolescents, adults, and families. Services include individual, family, and group therapy, along with school-based support at risk youth. The clinic operates six days a week and collaborates with families, schools, and community providers to ensure comprehensive care. Accessible by public transportation, the clinic accepts Medicaid, private insurance, and self-pay clients, ensuring equitable access to behavioral health services across the community.
See video at 1:32:31
15. Center for Enriched Living (CEL)
Presentation by Karen Fay. 2026 funding request: \$5,000.
The Center for Enriched Living has provided inclusive programming for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) for over 57 years. CEL ensures that members are part of

a vibrant community where choices are respected, voices are heard, and individual goals are pursued. Open seven days a week, CEL offers more than 60 programs spanning social, recreational, educational, and employment opportunities, as well as mental and behavioral health support.

Through innovative collaborations, such as with The Nora Project for social-emotional learning, CEL helps members build lifelong skills, reduce isolation, and expand opportunities for independence and inclusion.

See video at 1:39:04

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding committee: Supervisor Jones, Trustee Horvath, Trustee Maher, Trustee Lynch, Vicki Rizzo, Marie Dachniwsky, Richard Lyon and Kathy Sabbini which were answered by the presenters.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Lynch	Motion to adjourn.
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Trustee Maher	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Yes
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Trustee Maher	Yes
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Trustee Malik	Absent
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Trustee Lynch	Yes
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Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk