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HANOVER TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AWARDS EMERGENCY GRANTS

The Hanover Township Mental Health Board awarded \$35,000 in emergency grants at their February 23 meeting.

The Bridge Youth & Family Services received \$25,000 in emergency funding to support the Youth Crisis Intervention Program that has been impacted due to the State of Illinois budget impasse. The Bridge currently is owed \$429,397 for FY16 from the State of Illinois. Emergency funding will allow Bridge to continue to serve Hanover Township residents by providing immediate crisis intervention, in addition to referrals for placement.

Ecker Center for Mental Health received \$10,000 in emergency funding to support mental health services for Township residents. Ecker Center is owed \$369,138 from the state for outpatient programs, in addition to \$509,214 for residential programs.

In FY16, the Mental Health Board has provided \$186,106 in emergency grant funding to 10 local agencies.

“Many of the agencies serving Township residents are starting to see their reserves run dry,” said Mary Alice Benoit, Township Trustee and Mental Health Board member. “While emergency funding is a short-term fix, it is only a band-aid in terms of the bigger problem these groups are facing from Springfield.”

The volunteer board advocates for increasing the availability and quality of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services by allocating funds to nonprofit agencies that provides services to Township residents. Last year, the board approved over one million dollars in funds to local agencies.



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The board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6:00PM at the Township offices, 250 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett.

Hanover Township serves over 101,000 residents in portions of the Cook County communities of Streamwood, Elgin, Bartlett, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg.

For questions about the Mental Health Board or to learn more about their funded agencies, please call 630-837-0301 or visit www.hanover-township.org.

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