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Hanover Township receives over \$550k in Grant Funding

The Hanover Township Department of Aging Services recently received \$553,375 in grant funding from AgeOptions to support the Township's nutrition and social services, as well as senior center operations, programming, and transportation services for older adults.

"The programs and resources available to Hanover Township seniors are second to none," said Brian P. McGuire, Hanover Township Supervisor. "This funding will help us greatly in meeting the needs of our residents to maintain an independent, active life while receiving high quality services in their community."

AgeOptions awarded \$241,805 to support the Township's Home Delivered Meal Program. The program serves, on average, 120 residents daily. Weekend and holiday meals are also provided. All meals are delivered by volunteers and are served hot and ready-to-eat. In Fiscal Year 2025, volunteers delivered 37,460 meals to homebound residents.

The Township received \$118,663 for senior center operations, programming, counseling, and transportation services. The department promotes active aging and offers a wide variety of programs ranging from arts and crafts, painting and ceramics, to exercise and fitness, technology classes, card clubs, and cultural presentations. In FY25, 21,269 program registrations were logged.

Township social services staff conducted 3,272 appointments in FY25 assisting seniors and caregivers with health insurance counseling and enrollment as well as accessing public aid programs, pharmaceutical and energy assistance, and therapy services.

Township buses provide transportation for residents 55 and older as well as individuals with a disability for dialysis treatments, medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other personal errands. In FY25, 13,415 one-way rides were conducted for residents.

The Stars N Stripes Café, the Township's congregate meal program located in the Senior Center, received \$105,204 in funding. Open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., this 'fast casual' dining experience offers a daily choice of two daily specials or an entrée salad



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served with fruit and milk. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per meal for patrons over 60, \$8 for all others. The café serves approximately 95 meals per day. In FY25, 23,959 meals were served in the café.

The Township's Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) received \$87,703 from AgeOptions. Launched in October of 2024, the CRC focuses on caregiver support. Services include case management, caregiver counseling, support groups, education series, and community outreach, among other services all focused on the caregiver element. Since its inception, the CRC has served over 100 residents.

AgeOptions is a nonprofit organization connecting older adults and those who care for them with resources and service options. As the Area Agency on Aging of suburban Cook County, the organization advocates, plans, coordinates, and funds services for older adults.

For more information on Township services, please call the Hanover Township Senior Center at (630) 483-5600 or contact info@hanover-township.org.

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