



## NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**

To: Local News Media  
From: Rock Island Township  
RE: Township's Emergency Assistance Program Reopens

Rock Island Township is reopening its Emergency Program beginning Monday, February 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. The Town Board approved an additional \$4,000 for this program at its February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Application packets will be available Monday morning and processed on a first come, first served basis until the \$4,000 is spent.

If a Township resident has had an emergency situation that diverted money normally used to pay rent, mortgage or utilities, they may qualify for up to \$400 in assistance. If the amount due exceeds \$400, there must be proof of the applicant's ability to pay the difference.

Applicants will be required to provide information about income, expenses, routine bills, details about the emergency and proof that funds will be available to cover housing and other expenses for the following month.

You may qualify if you live in Rock Island Township, are not eligible for the General Assistance Program and have a steady income.

The Town Board originally budgeted \$18,000 for the program. Those funds were spent as of February 2016 and provided assistance to 48 clients.

Rock Island Township's borders are that portion of the City of Rock Island north of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue between the Mississippi River and the Moline border.

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