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Stable housing leads to stable lives

BEDS Plus receives \$20,000 grant

PROVISO TOWNSHIP, Illinois - The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission is pleased to announce that BEDS Plus has once again been awarded a grant to help fight homelessness, mental health and substance abuse disorders in Proviso Township. The agency was awarded a \$20,000 grant.

"BEDS Plus has been a long-time service provider helping needy Proviso Township residents get back on their feet," said PTMHC Board President Mike Corrigan. "Agencies like this provide a crucial safety net for some of our most vulnerable citizens and help make life for all of our residents better."

BEDS Plus will use the grant to provide shelter, housing, and stabilization services to Proviso Township constituents. The agency offers seasonal rotating shelter and year-round motel-based interim housing. They also provide transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Finally, the agency provides services to prevent homelessness and provide short-term stabilization programs.



Left to right: PTMHC Board President Mike Corrigan, PTMHC Director of Program Administration Lisa Loster, BEDS Plus Development Manager Erin Molek

The organization has evidence showing that housing is a fundamental determinant of mental health and that homelessness results from, causes, and exacerbates behavioral health conditions.

These housing solutions help Proviso Residents with mental health conditions and co-occurring substance use disorders who are homeless and/or housing insecure, stabilize their lives and regain and sustain housing.

In 2022, 45 people from Proviso Township received motel-based interim housing and/or rotating shelter in Southwest suburban locations. A total of 470 residents received other services through BEDS Plus. In addition, BEDS Plus leases 21 supportive housing units in Proviso Township.