

Mayor Scott Avedisian announced today the distribution of \$531,222 in Community Development Block Grant funds to benefit more than a dozen non-profit agencies and two local neighborhood groups. The funds will be awarded for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Public service grant awards are as follows: \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Warwick for their Oakland Beach branch operations; \$15,000 to Comprehensive Community Action for its senior dental program; \$14,000 to Cornerstone Adult Services for activities for individuals with Alzheimer's; \$2,8000 to Day One for its Children's Advocacy program; \$12,100 to the EBC House for their victim safety and self sufficiency program; \$12,500 to Child, Inc. for its Head Start transportation program; and \$19,600 to the House of Hope for supportive services and \$75,000 toward renovations to the Thomas Wilbur House in Apponaug.

In addition, VNA of Care New England will receive \$8,022 for its Hope for Health Clinic; Rhode Island Family Shelter will receive \$19,000 for case management; The Kent Center will receive \$15,900 to aid victims of trauma and \$50,000 toward its capital campaign; the Rhode Island Center for Law and Public Policy will receive \$5,000 for its senior legal clinic; and Westbay Community Action, Inc. has been awarded \$10,300 for its Children's Center case manager, \$27,000 for a social services case manager; \$5,000 for its emergency assistance program; and \$25,000 for the Home Repair program.

The Conimicut Village and East Natick neighborhood associations will each receive \$100,000 in this funding cycle to implement portions of their master plans. The city distributes money among six associations annually on a rotating basis. A total of \$165,169 has been earmarked for the City's affordable housing initiatives.

An allocation of \$208,000 has been set aside for administrative and planning costs. An additional \$125,000 is allocated for costs associated with the office's housing rehabilitation program.