

Mayor Scott Avedisian announced today the distribution of \$929,007 in Community Development Block Grant funds to benefit more than a dozen non-profit agencies and a local neighborhood group. 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 and \$25,000 for gym dividers; \$4,000 to City Year Providence for the Kent County Young Heroes program; \$15,000 to Comprehensive Community Action for its senior dental program; \$14,000 to Cornerstone Adult Services for activities for individuals with Alzheimer's and \$28,331 for center improvements; \$2,8000 to Day One for its Children's Advocacy program; \$12,200 to the EBC House for their victim safety and self sufficiency program; and \$19,600 to the House of Hope for supportive services and \$64,000 toward renovations to the Thomas Wilbur House in Apponaug.

In addition, Kent County VNA will receive \$8,022 for its Hope for Health Clinic; Rhode Island Family Shelter will receive \$19,000 for case management; Sensational Child has been allocated \$7,500 for a Warwick employee development program; The Kent Center will receive \$15,9000 to aid victims of trauma 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; \$25,000 for the Home Repair program; and \$57,454 toward renovations to their facility on Buttonwoods Avenue.

The Conimicut Village Neighborhood Association will receive \$100,000 in this funding cycle to implement portions of their five-year master plans. The city distributes money among six associations annually on a rotating basis.

The remaining funds – approximately \$225,000 – are set aside for administrative and planning costs. An additional \$125,000 is allocated for costs associated with the office's housing rehabilitation program and another \$121,000 will be used to purchase and renovate properties in Warwick to create additional affordable housing units.