

April 2023

River Forest Township Annual Report

General Assistance

In the past year, Oak Park Township provided the administrative responsibility for River Forest GA. This was established since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

2 clients received financial assistance towards shelter and expenses during FY 2023

1 client received in FY 2022

Two clients have since found employment on their own and one remains on because they have a pending SSI case.

The flat grant amount for General Assistance went from \$500 to \$650 in FY 2023

River Forest Township and Oak Park Township collaborated to start a new program called Emergency Assistance. EA for River Forest will effectively start on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. This will be a needs-based grant up to \$1,200 for program fiscal year FY24.

I fielded numerous calls and referrals from RF residents for rental assistance, LIHEAP, etc.

Trend for River Forest- We are seeing more residents apply for the CEDA Energy Programs we offer at Oak Park Township