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REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY ANNOUNCES \$634,000 HUD GRANT FOR SKOKIE

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the Village of Skokie a \$634,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

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The funds will be used to provide services to low-and moderate-income persons, persons with disabilities, and those with special needs. The funds will also be distributed to local organizations that provide assistance to children, seniors, and persons with HIV/AIDS.□ Furthermore, the monies will be used for physical improvements at the Orchard Village group homes for the developmentally disabled and Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center.

□ **Representative Schakowsky said, "These funds will help improve the quality of life for many residents in Skokie.□ Community Development Block Grants and other federal programs assist in efforts by local communities to revitalize neighborhoods, improve public facilities, and promote economic development.□ Ensuring adequate funding and strengthening the federal government's commitment to these programs is one of my top priorities in Congress."**

□ **Mayor George Van Dusen said, "The Village of Skokie is very pleased to receive this Community Development Block Grant for the 25th consecutive year.□ Such federal funding enables us to undertake improvement projects in low to moderate-income areas of the village, as well as serve the needs of many residents with special needs.□ We are very appreciative of this federal support."**□