



How does the Illinois fiscal crisis impact Elmhurst?

To begin to understand how the Illinois fiscal crisis directly affects our community, Elmhurst League members surveyed various governmental and not for profit agencies during November and December 2010. The following is a summary of the results:

DuPage County Health Department, Access and Crisis Center 24 hour mental health emergency support system

- Crisis Unit's psychiatric time will be cut in half for 2011 - from 23 hours per week to 11 hours
- \$318,600 decrease in grant awards
- Lengthy waiting times for new clients to get appointments and services
- Health Department staff who leave or retire are not replaced

Elmhurst Public Library

- Main funding is through property taxes that are not affected by state reductions or by recession
- FY2010 Per Capita Grant from IL Sec. of State was not received; est. loss of \$44,000
- Library systems have been weakened; consulting, continuing education, and other services lost
- No guarantee that materials delivery and support for shared catalog will continue after June 30, 2011
Cost of delivering interlibrary loan materials would be about \$40,000
- Loss of Metropolitan Library System subsidy for online catalog; an increase of 10% for Elmhurst

Elmhurst Police Department

- Cut in most budget line items including programs, purchases, and repairs
- Unfilled staff positions: 3 police officers, 5 part time police officers, 2 civilians
- Eliminated animal control services
- Recession leads to stress for the community and more calls involving family issues, attempted suicide, property maintenance issues (foreclosures)
- Proactive policing and programs to help avoid criminal activity have been curbed
- Ability to follow up on investigations has been effected; time and resource delays

Ray Graham Association: Provides services for people with disabilities and their families throughout DuPage County, serving 1800 people, infants through seniors

- 85% of funding from state of Illinois; fundraising provides the rest
- Over the past 5 years, a 10% reduction in staff or 45 positions
- 900 people impacted in 2009 as family services and job coaches were lost; funding restored eventually
- Alternative funding excludes some long-time clients
- Repairs and maintenance at 35 housing units deferred;
- No money for new vehicles (RGA provides 400 door to door transports per day)
- Federal funding for employment programs expires in June

University of Illinois - Chicago

- Higher tuition
- Fewer resources and support services to help low income students escape poverty