

Rock Island Township proudly supports, and often partners with, the following organizations to provide programs and services for Township residents:

Broadway Presbyterian Church /  
Rock Island Farm & Gardens

Church of Peace Food Pantry

City of Rock Island—TRY-Play

DeLaCerde House

Greenbush Neighbors

Heart of Hope Ministries

KeyStone Neighborhood Association

Laborer's Local #309  
Veterans Assistance Fund

Dr. Martin Luther King Center —  
A.C.T.I.V.E. Club

Open Door Program

Q.C Haven of Hope

Rocky Resource Room —  
Rock Island High School

Sacred Heart Food Pantry

Spring Forward Learning Center

St. Pius X Parish Evening Meal

2nd Baptist Church Food Pantry

Thy Loving Kindness Ministries  
(Socks+ Program)

## The Rock Island Township Board:

Supervisor — John R.  
Brandmeyer, Jr.

Assessor — Christina Wilson

Clerk — Heather Gray

### Trustees:

Jeff Lam, Sr.

Rita Kirk

Tia Parker

Vincent G. Thomas

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Caseworker — Doris Quigley

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During temperature extremes, the  
Town Hall is a Warming Center in  
the Winter months and a Cooling  
Center in the Summer months.  
For more information, contact the  
Township at:

309-788-3417

[www.rockislandtownshipil.gov](http://www.rockislandtownshipil.gov)



**ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP**

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Hours: Monday—Friday

8:00 a.m. — Noon; 1:00 p.m. — 4:00

Rock Island Township  
is a proud member of:



**Programs  
and  
services to  
meet our  
Township's  
needs!**

# Call Rock Island Township at 309-788-3417 for more information about programs

## History:

Township government is the oldest form of government in the United States, dating back to 1636.

As the country developed, cities and towns assumed many government functions. However, townships maintain responsibility for the provision of General Assistance and the Assessment of property within the Township boundaries.

Rock Island Township is bordered by 18th Avenue on the South, the Mississippi River on the North and West, and 46th Street / Moline border on the East. In order to be eligible for Township programs, individuals **must** live within these boundaries.

## Mission Statement:

To professionally, courteously, equitably and efficiently administer General Assistance, property assessment and other programs and to properly maintain the Township Hall and property for the benefit of Township residents and the building's tenants.

## Programs:

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Rock Island Township provides General Assistance for residents who are not eligible for other forms of assistance. Our clients are normally single, unemployed or applying for Social Security disability and have no other financial means to support themselves.

The approval process can take up to 30 days. If approved, clients are required to participate in the Township's Community Work Program. Currently, a client receives a maximum of \$319.00 per month which helps cover rent, utilities, personal needs, and food. Personal needs and food vouchers are provided to clients.

All rental properties must be registered with the City of Rock Island.

General Assistance helps the client become self-sufficient by finding employment or by assisting the client until they receive their Social Security benefits. Almost all of the programs created by the Township work to accomplish the purpose of General Assistance!

### WORK READINESS

This unique program allows Township residents who are looking for work to get free bus tickets to find employment. The program also provides enough bus tickets to get to and from work for the first 10 days. Also, if you need help getting clothing or tools required to accept a new job, we may be able to help.



### GIVING CENTER

The Ethel Schurlock Giving Center accepts gently used **adult** clothing and shoes to be given to people who are seeking employment or are in an emergency situation. There is no charge for the clothing. Winter clothing and personal needs items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.) are always in demand and usually available.

### FREE BLANKET GIVE AWAY

The Department of Defense provides hundreds of disaster blankets that are distributed at varying locations. Rock Island Township is a major distribution location. The blankets are generally available in November or December.

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### EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT

The Township usually receives a federal grant that allows us to help families pay one month's rent or mortgage. The purpose of the funding is to prevent homelessness.

Applicants who are ineligible for other forms of assistance can often qualify for this help.



### **Emergency Assistance Program**

We also offer an Emergency Program. It can pay up to \$400 for rent, mortgage or utilities (water / sewer or gas / electricity) that resulted from an emergency situation. Application forms are available during regular business hours. The program assists about 100 families per year.

**Just for Seniors:** The Senior Cares Program provides a monthly \$35.00 voucher for food at Rock Island's Jass Food Mart or Hy-Vee for income eligible seniors (age 65 or older).

### **For all Residents:**

- Flu Shot Site
- AARP Income Tax Preparation Site
- City Leaf Bag Distribution Site
- Voter Registration
- Free photocopies and faxes (limited number)
- Free Notary
- Warming / Cooling Center