



Week of April 9, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

In my column several weeks ago I wrote about the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI), a state grant that Hempstead Village was selected to participate in, which seeks to decrease the number of residents living in poverty. At that time, I mentioned that the Village, working in conjunction with the United Way of Long Island had completed Phase I, a year-long research and planning effort that gathered vital information that will be used to further carry out the program.

I am pleased to report that Phase II of the initiative is now underway with the recent issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for interested parties seeking to be considered for the ESPRI 2018-2019 program. Once the RFP's are gathered and evaluated ESPRI will award funding to projects that will provide supportive services for long term stability and success to improve the collective condition of residents living in financial hardship. Funds being made available are in the areas of Employment & Career Readiness, Youth & Adult Mentoring, and Navigation & Resources.

Eligible applicants for ESPRI funding must be a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization with an established track record of providing services to Village of Hempstead residents. This includes: health and human service agencies; faith-based organizations and churches; educational institutions; or governmental entities.

The RFP due date is Friday, April 27, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. All applications must be submitted to the ESPRI convener, United Way of Long Island: 819 Grand Blvd., Deer Park, New York 11729. Awards will be announced on or about May 15, 2018.

To download a complete grant application or for additional information on the projects, the amounts being awarded, as well as grant eligibility, visit www.villageofhempsteadespri.org and follow the menu item titled "Request for Proposals."

For additional information please contact the ESPRI Team at ESPRI@unitedwayli.org.

I also wanted to provide one final reminder to residents that the Village of Hempstead's 2018 Parking Ticket Amnesty Program, will end on April 20.

This program allows individuals to reduce late fees on unpaid parking tickets by 50 percent. Individuals with current parking tickets (no late fees) will receive a 20 percent discount on the listed fines if they settle them during the amnesty period.

According to Village Justice Paul R. Delle, Village Court staff will calculate the discounted tickets and fines for your convenience and post them at <https://hempstead.surecourt.com> where you can pay them on-line. This is great opportunity for anyone who has accumulated late fees to resolve their outstanding parking tickets at a substantially reduced rate.

Please note that the Parking Ticket Amnesty Program does not apply to traffic tickets, however the Village is encouraging anyone with existing citations to come in and address all outstanding matters pending before the Hempstead Justice Court.

It's also important to remember that unpaid or excessive parking tickets can result in the suspension of your driver's license. This program is designed to help hardworking Hempstead residents keep their licenses and maintain their driving records.

Additional information about the Village of Hempstead 2018 Parking Ticket Amnesty Program can be found on the Hempstead Village website at www.villageofhempstead.org or by calling 516-478-6500.

Sincerely,

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Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead