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MAYOR EMANUEL PROPOSES ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO RESTORE OVERNIGHT EMERGENCY SERVICES DURING CRITICAL WINTER MONTHS

Today, Mayor Rahm Emanuel introduced an ordinance that would provide \$200,000 towards reinstating limited emergency services between the hours of 12:00AM and 8:00AM. These funds will serve to fill a gap left by a \$2.3 million state funding cut that was ordered on July 1, 2011 and went into effect on September 1, 2011 that led to the elimination of the service.

"Keeping Chicagoans safe during the challenging winter months is a priority," Mayor Emanuel said. "By providing additional funds to fill this service gap we will be able to offer critical transportation to shelter and ensure those most vulnerable find refuge from the harsh temperatures."

Twenty-four hour services will begin November 15 and these funds will support two to three teams between the hours of 12:00AM and 8:00AM. The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) will provide limited safety net services to those in need during the overnight hours including shelter placement and transportation.

DFSS funds more than 4,000 beds at 41 shelters across the city.

Regular emergency services between the hours of 8:00AM and 12:00AM midnight will continue to offer residents assistance including well-being checks, emergency food boxes, and shelter transportation and placement.

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