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## **Botsford to receive \$10,000 state grant for emergencies** *Funds part of emergency preparedness pilot program*

Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills has been selected by the Michigan Department of Community Health to receive a \$10,000 grant for emergency preparedness.

"We're excited and proud to be selected for this wonderful opportunity," said Lawrence K. Perkins, Executive Director of Support Services. "We look forward to using these monies to enhance our ability to protect our residents and staff."

The project was developed to help licensed nursing facilities prepare for and respond to bioterrorism and other emergencies. A Botsford safety subcommittee comprised of Lawrence Perkins, Buddy Brock, Judy McMahon and Maureen O'Connell worked with Patriot Services Corporation, a Michigan-based company that provides training for emergency preparedness, to develop Botsford's grant request.

"Everyone put in a lot of hours and hard work," Perkins noted. "It's wonderful to see it pay off."

Out of more than 130 applications, Botsford Commons was one of approximately 65 chosen to receive funding. Botsford will use the dollars for an evacuation plan review and update, evacuation training program, emergency supplies and more. All projects must be completed by May 30, 2010.

*Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, the Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation, privately owned condominiums, senior apartments and assisted living suites. For more information visit the website at: [www.botsfordcommons.org](http://www.botsfordcommons.org).*