



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: December 1st, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2020-1202

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the FY 2020/2021 budget to increase revenues by \$22,559.00 in the General Assistance Miscellaneous Revenue Account (803-4800) and increase expenditures by \$22,559.00 in the General Assistance Contract Payment Account (80380810-52083).

B. Recommended Action: The Township Administration recommends approval of this Ordinance.

C. Summary:

The City of Champaign Township applied to be a subrecipient of the City of Champaign for a Community Development Block Grant. This grant is specific to providing funding for the City of Champaign Township's CU @ Work program.

D. Background:

1. CU@ Work Program: The CU@Work program provides temporary employment to homeless individuals in Champaign. Participants work either in Prosperity Gardens providing urban farm labor or doing community beautification on one of the CU@Work crews.

2. Community Development Block Grant: The Community Development Block Grant is an annual grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urbana Development given to states, cities, and counties that is intended to help provide decent housing and a suitable living environment for primarily low- and moderate-income persons. The City of Champaign received the CDBG-Covid grant and in turn the City of Champaign Township became a sub-grantee for Covid specific rental and mortgage assistance.

In October of 2020 the Board had previously approved the receipt of \$50,000.00 of CDBG money and the ensuing budget amendment. That money was used for providing rental and mortgage assistance specific to households that had back due balances due to Covid.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Ordinance 2020-1202, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2020/2021 in the amount of \$22,559.00.
2. Do not approve Ordinance 2020-1202, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2020/2021 and provide staff with alternative direction.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 approves Ordinance 2020-1202, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2020/2021 in the amount of \$22,559.00.

a. Advantages

- Approving Ordinance 2020-1202 will allow the Township to expand its CU@Work program specifically as it relates to Prosperity Gardens and the program's work with the mobile market. Participants have been and will continue to be an integral part in the mobile market program which brings food, supplies, and health care to targeted areas of need in Champaign.

b. Disadvantages

- No disadvantage to approving Ordinance 2020-1202.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Ordinance 2020-1202.

a. Advantages

- None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not accepting this amendment and in turn sub-grantee status for the Community Development Block Grant will limit the amount of expansion the CU @ Work program can do.

G. Community Input: Input can be given during the public comments section of the meeting at which this item is considered.

H. Budget Impact: Should the Ordinance be approved; the Township will receive \$22,559.00 through reimbursement, all of which will be used solely for payment to participants.

I. Staffing Impact: Approximately 2 hours of staff time were needed to write this report.

Prepared by:

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