



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: July 6th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2021-0701

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the FY 2021/2022 budget to increase revenues by \$91,982.90 in the General Assistance Miscellaneous Revenue Account (803-48000) and increase expenditures by \$91,982.90 in the General Assistance Emergency Grant Account (80380810-52690).

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 housing related costs to those negatively affected by the Covid virus. The City of Champaign Township will provide up to \$3,000 of rental or mortgage assistance to those financially affected by the Covid-19 virus.

D. Background:

1. Emergency Rental Assistance: The City of Champaign Township implemented an Emergency Rental Assistance program in 2018. Since then, the program has expanded in scope and partnership and the Township now works closely with Cunningham Township and Regional Planning to operate a no-wrong-door concept for rental assistance in Champaign County.

2. Community Development Block Grant: The Community Development Block Grant is an annual grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development given to states, cities, and counties. 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.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Ordinance 2021-0701, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2021/2022 in the amount of \$91,982.90.

2. Do not approve Ordinance 2021-0701, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2021/2022 and provide staff with alternative direction.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 approves Ordinance 2021-0701 and allows the Township to receive \$91,982.90 as a sub-grantee of the City of Champaign for the Community Development Block Grant.

a. Advantages

- Approving Ordinance 2021-0701 will allow the Township to expand its rental assistance and specifically service to renters and owners that have been financially affected by Covid 19. As a grant recipient, the Township will be able to provide Covid specific assistance with the CDBG grant to between 40 and 70 households in the City of Champaign.

b. Disadvantages

- No disadvantage to approving Ordinance 2021-0701.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Ordinance 2021-0701.

a. Advantages

- None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not accepting this amendment and in turn sub-grantee status for the Community Development Block Grant will preclude the Township from helping additional individuals and families affected by Covid with rental and mortgage assistance.

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 \$91,982.90 of which \$91,982.90 will be used solely for rental and mortgage assistance.

I. Staffing Impact: Approximately 2 hours of staff time were needed to write this report. In addition, approximately 40 hours of additional case management will be required by the Township's Emergency Assistance Caseworker over the next year.

Prepared by:

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