



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: September 7th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2021-0901

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the FY 2021/2022 budget to increase revenues by \$83,121.00 in the General Assistance Miscellaneous Revenue Account (803-48000) and increase expenditures by \$83,121.00 in the General Assistance Emergency Grant account (80380810-52690). Of the \$83,121.00, \$75,564.90 will be used for rental assistance and \$7,556.10 will be used for administrative costs associated with the grant.

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

C. Summary:

The City of Champaign Township applied for and was awarded an Emergency Solutions Grant-CV (ESG-CV) for the specific purpose of providing rental assistance to homeless individuals or victims of domestic violence.

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. Emergency Solutions Grant: The Emergency Solutions Grant-CV is provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and through the Champaign County Continuum of Care to specifically address Covid related housing issues. Grantees apply through the Continuum annually for the opportunity to receive funding.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Ordinance 2021-0901, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2021/2022 in the amount of \$83,121.00.

2. Do not approve Ordinance 2021-0901, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2021/2022.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 approves Ordinance 2021-0901 and allows the Township to receive \$83,121.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant-CV funding and in turn expend \$75,564.90 in rental assistance and \$7,556.10 in administrative costs.

a. Advantages

- Approving Ordinance 2021-0901 will allow the Township to expand its rental assistance specifically in service to those impacted by Covid related issues. Approximately 35 households will benefit from the addition of this grant.

b. Disadvantages

- No disadvantage to approving Ordinance 2021-0901.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Ordinance 2021-0901.

a. Advantages

- None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not accepting this amendment and in turn the Emergency Solutions Grant-CV will preclude the Township from helping additional individuals and families with rental assistance.

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

H. Budget Impact: Should the Ordinance be approved, the Township will receive \$83,121.00, of which \$75,564.90 will be used for rental assistance and \$7,556.10 for administrative costs associated with providing rental assistance.

I. Staffing Impact: Approximately 1 hour of staff time was needed to write this report. In addition, approximately 40 hours of additional case management time will be required by the Township's Emergency Assistance Caseworker over the next year.

Prepared by:

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