



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: April 5th, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2022-0402

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the FY 2021/2022 budget to increase revenues by \$50,000.00 in the General Assistance Miscellaneous Revenue Account (803-48000) and increase expenditures by \$50,000.00 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 and the City of Champaign Township intend to enter into an agreement in which the City grants the Township \$50,000.00 for the sole purpose of supplementing emergency rental assistance funds. The entire sum of money will be used for rental assistance only and will be provided to citizens of the City that meet the Townships standing criteria on emergency rental assistance. This Intergovernmental Agreement is in the form of Resolution 2022-0403 and is on the April 5th, 2022 Township meeting agenda as well.

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.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Ordinance 2022-0402, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2021/2022 in the amount of \$50,000.00.
2. Do not approve Ordinance 2022-0402, 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 2022-0402 and allows the Township to receive \$50,000.00 from the City of Champaign.

a. Advantages

- Approving Ordinance 2022-0402 will allow the Township to continue its rental assistance to renters. Greater than normal need post Covid has placed a higher demand on the

Township's normal emergency rental assistance program. This funding will provide rental assistance to at least 83 households between now and September 1, 2022.

b. Disadvantages

-No disadvantage to approving Ordinance 2022-0402.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Ordinance 2022-0402.

a. Advantages

-None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not accepting this budget amendment would put a freeze on the Township's emergency rental assistance program until the end of the current fiscal year at which point next year's funding will begin.

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 \$50,000.00 in revenues of which \$50,000.00 will be used solely for rental and mortgage assistance.

I. Staffing Impact: Approximately 1 hour of staff time was needed to write this report. In addition, approximately 60 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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