



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: August 16th, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution 2022-0804

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Resolution is to approve an amendment to an existing intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Champaign Township and the City of Champaign for rental assistance program funding. The amendment to the IGA will increase the amount by \$200,000.00 and extend the duration of the agreement to June 30, 2024.

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

C. Summary:

In April of 2022 the City of Champaign and the City of Champaign Township entered into an agreement in which the City granted the Township \$50,000.00 for the sole purpose of supplementing emergency rental assistance funds. The entire sum of money was to be used for rental and mortgage assistance only and would be provided to residents of the City that meet the Township's standing criteria on emergency rental assistance. This Intergovernmental Agreement was approved in the form of Resolution 2022-0403 at the April 5th, 2022, City of Champaign Township meeting. This resolution would increase the amount of the existing IGA by \$200,000.00 and extend the duration of the agreement to June 30, 2024.

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. City of Champaign Grant: In April of 2022 the City of Champaign granted the City of Champaign Township \$50,000.00 for the sole purpose of supplementing the Township's emergency rental assistance program which had, through March of the 2021/2022 fiscal year, expended over 90% of its budgeted amount. These funds will continue to be used solely for the purpose of emergency rental and mortgage assistance for City of Champaign residents.

3. CDBG Funds: Since the start of the pandemic the Township has entered into a subrecipient agreement with the City of Champaign in which the Township has provided \$792,001 for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance. This has been accomplished through intergovernmental agreements between the Township and the City.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Resolution 2022-0804, a resolution approving an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Champaign Township and the City of Champaign for rental assistance funding through June 30, 2024.
2. Do not approve Resolution 2022-0804, a resolution approving an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Champaign and the City of Champaign Township and provide staff further direction.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 approves Resolution 2022-0804 and allocates \$200,000.00 to be used through June 30, 2024, for the sole purpose of emergency rental assistance.

a. Advantages

- Approving Resolution 2022-0804 will help to supplement the Township as it continues its rental assistance program. Greater than normal need post Covid has placed a higher demand on the Township's normal emergency rental and mortgage assistance program.

b. Disadvantages

- No disadvantage to approving Resolution 2022-0804.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Resolution 2022-0804.

a. Advantages

- None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not approving this amendment would reduce the amount of funds available to those experiencing a housing crisis from \$330,000.00 through June 30, 2024, to \$130,000.00, what the Township has budget over the next two fiscal years, through June 30, 2024.

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 amendment be approved; the Township will allocate an additional \$200,000.00 towards rental assistance through June 30,2024.

I. Staffing Impact: Approximately 1 hour of staff time was needed to write this report. In addition, approximately 200 hours of additional case management will be required by the Township's Emergency Assistance Caseworker over the next two years.

Prepared by:

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Township Supervisor

