



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: August 16th, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2022-0802

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the FY 2022/2023 budget to increase revenues by \$13,388.46 in the General Assistance Miscellaneous Revenue Account (803-48000) and increase expenditures by \$13,388.46 in the General Assistance Emergency Grant Account (80380810-52690).

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

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 signed in the form of Resolution 2022-0403 at the April 5th, 2022, City of Champaign Township meeting.

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. The Township spent \$36,611.54 through June 30th of 2022. This amendment will allocate the remaining funding of \$13,388.46 in the current 2022/2023 fiscal year to be used solely for the purpose of emergency rental and mortgage assistance for City of Champaign residents.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Ordinance 2022-0802, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2022/2023 in the amount of \$13,388.46.
2. Do not approve Ordinance 2022-0802, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2022/2023 and provide staff with alternative direction.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 approves Ordinance 2022-0802 and allocates \$13,388.46 to be used in the current fiscal year for the sole purpose of emergency rental assistance.

a. Advantages

- Approving Ordinance 2022-0802 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 Ordinance 2022-0802.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Ordinance 2022-0802.

a. Advantages

- None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not approving this amendment would preclude the Township from spending this money for rental assistance program.

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 \$13,388.46 in revenues of which \$13,388.46 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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