



REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

FROM: Andrew J. Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor

DATE: October 3rd, 2023

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Amendment, Ordinance 2023-1001

A. Introduction: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the FY 2023/2024 budget to increase revenues by \$238,500 in the Strides Low Barrier Shelter Revenue Account (820-48000) and expenditures in the Strides Low Barrier Expenditures Accounts as noted in Exhibit A. This revenue increase is attributed to the recent award by the Illinois Department of Human Services to the City of Champaign Township for \$238,500.00 of emergency and transitional housing expansion funds to be used for the Strides Low Barrier Shelter.

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

C. Summary:

The City of Champaign Township applied for and was awarded \$238,500.00 of emergency and transitional housing funds from the Illinois Department of Human Services. The sole purpose of these funds is for updates to the Strides Low Barrier Shelter.

D. Background:

1. Strides Low Barrier Shelter: The City of Champaign Township, in partnership with the City of Champaign as a funder, opened the Strides Low Barrier Shelter on December 12, 2022. The current funding for the shelter, guaranteed for two years, extends through at least December of 2024. Additionally, the Township was awarded ARPA funds from the City of Urbana in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the purpose of paying approximately seven months of salary and benefits, extending the current guaranteed shelter operations through mid-calendar year 2025.

2. Illinois Department of Human Services: The IDHS emergency and transitional housing program grant gives immediate and comprehensive shelter services to homeless persons and persons at risk of becoming homeless. The program provides funding for meals, shelter, and support services to not for profit organizations and local governments. The funding opportunity is for new shelters and current providers to expand their shelters and services.

E. Alternatives:

1. Approve Ordinance 2023-1001, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2023/2024 in the amount of \$238,500.00.
2. Do not approve Ordinance 2023-1001, An Ordinance Amending the City of Champaign Township Budget and Appropriation for FY 2023/2024.

F. Discussion of Alternatives:

Alternative 1 approves Ordinance 2023-1001 and allows the Township to receive \$238,500.00 in Illinois Department of Human Services emergency and transitional housing funds to be used at Strides shelter.

a. Advantages

-Approving Ordinance 2023-1001 will provide needed funding for salaries, office supplies, professional development, utilities, and contingencies.

b. Disadvantages

-No disadvantage to approving Ordinance 2023-1001.

Alternative 2 Do not approve Ordinance 2023-1001 and provide Township leadership with further direction.

a. Advantages

-None.

b. Disadvantages

- Not approving Ordinance 2023-1001 will prevent the Township from accepting necessary funding for further shelter needs.

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 \$238,500.00 of which \$238,500.00 will be used for shelter needs as referenced in Exhibit A.

I. Staffing Impact: Approximately 1 hour of staff time was needed to write this report. Additionally, about 3 hours of staff time per month will be needed for reporting and grant documentation.

Prepared by:

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Township Supervisor