



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin and Urbana City Council Members

FROM: Lorrie Pearson, AICP, Community Development Services Director
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DATE: December 3, 2020

SUBJECT: **A Resolution Approving the ESG-CV Subrecipient Agreement with Cunningham Township and a Resolution Approving the ESG-CV Subrecipient Agreement with CU at Home.**

Introduction

The City of Urbana is a member of the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH), and takes an active role on the CSPH executive committee. In previous years, the City has served as a recipient for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The City would then partner with local service providers to allocate funds. On June 9, 2020, HUD announced the second allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant COVID-19 (ESG-CV) funds totaling \$2.96 billion. ESG-CV funding supports individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals at risk of becoming homeless because of hardships such as job loss, wage reduction, or illness due to COVID-19. Funds are available for Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, and Homelessness Prevention. Projects can include:

- Make more emergency shelters available for homeless individuals and families.
- Operate emergency shelters by providing food, rent, security, maintenance, repair, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, furnishings, and supplies necessary for their operation.
- Provide Hotel/Motel Vouchers for homeless families and individuals.
- Provide essential services to people experiencing homelessness including childcare, education services, employment assistance, outpatient health services, legal services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, and transportation.
- Prevent individuals from becoming homeless and rapidly rehouse homeless individuals.

The Champaign County CSPH met July 31, 2020, to review applications before deciding on funding allocations. Courage Connection will receive funds for emergency shelter-essential services; Champaign Regional Planning Commission will receive funds for emergency shelter-operations, emergency shelter-essential services, and homeless management information system (HMIS); Cunningham Children's Home will receive funding for rapid rehousing-housing relocation and stabilization services; City of Champaign Township will receive funds for homelessness prevention; the City of Urbana will award its subrecipient, CU at Home, funds for emergency shelter-essential operations; and the City of Urbana will award its subrecipient, Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office, funds for rapid rehousing-tenant based rental assistance; and rapid rehousing-housing relocation and stabilization services.

Discussion

The City of Urbana has been designated as the financial agent for ESG-CV funds for Cunningham Township and CU at Home. Agencies that have never been awarded ESG funds from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) need to receive funds through a subrecipient agreement. The City of Urbana has received ESG funds previously, making it an approved financial agent. The programs are not to exceed two years. However, program budgets are to be made for one year, with leftover funds being rolled into year two.

Cunningham Township will receive \$128,700.00 to administer their Bridge to Home: Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Neighbors program. In addition, \$22,961.00 will be granted for the City of Urbana to administer the programs. program will include rapid rehousing, such as relocation and stabilization services, along with tenant based rental assistance.

CU at Home will receive \$42,750.00 for Emergency Shelter for Men and Women. In addition, administrative funding will be granted at a total of \$4,275.00. These funds will cover operation costs.

Fiscal Impacts

This program will be covered from funds by IDHS. Administrative funding will also be included in the grant award.

Options

1. Approve the proposed funding allocations for two ESG-CV programs.
2. Approve the proposed funding allocations, with changes.
3. Do not approve of the proposed funding allocations.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the subrecipient agreements for ESG-CV funds for Cunningham Township and CU at Home in substantially the same form as attached hereto.

Attachments:

1. ESG-CV Agreement with Cunningham Township
2. ESG-CV Agreement with CU at Home

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12-062R

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CU at Home**

(FY 2020-2021)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (the “City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2020 the City submitted an application to the Illinois Department of Human Services (hereinafter “DHS”) for the Emergency Solutions Grants Program Under the CARES Act (hereinafter “ESG-CV”) funds to continue emergency shelter programs sponsored by two private non-profit organizations: Cunningham Township, Urbana, Illinois and CU at Home, Champaign, Illinois, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Participating Organizations”); and

WHEREAS, on (Date) the City received notice that DHS approved the City’s application for ESG-CV funds; and

WHEREAS, on (Date), the City executed an ESG-CV Grant Agreement (Agreement No., FY 2021) with DHS to govern expenditure of ESG-CV funds by the City and Participating Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Organizations have heretofore expressed their intent to assume responsibility from the City for their respective emergency shelter programs with ESG-CV funds and in accordance with ESG-CV regulations; and

WHEREAS, in its application for ESG-CV funds, the City declared its intent to provide ESG funds to the Participating Organizations for their use in continuing their respective emergency shelter operations and essential services for homeless individuals and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That an Agreement providing \$42,750.00 in Emergency Solutions Grants Program Under the CARES Act funds to the CU at Home, so as to continue their respective emergency shelter program for homeless individuals, in substantially the form of the copy of said Agreement attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is authorized to attest to said execution of said Agreement in substantially the form appended hereto as an exhibit as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

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