DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

M e m o r a n d u m

TO: Community Development Commissioners

FROM: Breaden Belcher, Community Development Specialist

DATE: July 27, 2021

SUBJECT: CARES Act EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Introduction

The CARES Act appropriated $4 billion through the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. The State of Illinois received approximately $18.1M in the first round of CARES ESG funding (ESG-CV1), and approximately $24.7M in the second round of funding (ESG-CV2). Local agencies are able to apply to the State for ESG-CV2 funds through the Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC selected the City of Urbana to administer the funds and be the sole grant recipient for the portion of the ESG-CV2 funds distributed to Cunningham Township.

The ESG program provides funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by coronavirus under the Emergency Solutions Grants program.

Discussion

The City of Urbana has been determined as the financial sponsor for ESG-CV2 funds for Cunningham Township. Agencies that have never been awarded ESG funds from the Illinois Department of Human Services need to receive funds through a subrecipient agreement. The City of Urbana has received ESG funds previously, making it an approved financial sponsor. The programs are not to exceed two years.

The award amount is $131,240 of which Cunningham Township will receive $119,317.50 to administer their Bridge to Home: Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Neighbors program. This program will include rapid rehousing, such as relocation and stabilization services, along with tenant based rental assistance. The city will receive $11,922.50 for administrative funding.

Options

1. Forward the Resolution to City Council with a recommendation for approval

2. Forward the Resolution to City Council with a recommendation for approval with suggested changes.

3. Provide further direction to staff

Fiscal Impacts

There will be no fiscal impact on the City General Fund, as the funding comes from IDHS.

Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution to be forwarded to City Council