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: Traditional EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Introduction

Through the Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC), local agencies are able to receive funds for eligible Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) activities. The CoC completes the application for funding which includes all agencies that will be receiving funds under the grant. As in the past, the City of Urbana was selected by the CoC to administer the funds and be the sole grant recipient for the portion of the ESG funds distributed to Cunningham Township.

The ESG provides funding for emergency shelter, homeless prevention activities, short and medium-term rental assistance, and services to rapidly re-house homeless people. The focus of this program is to prevent homelessness for persons at risk of homelessness and rapid re-housing assistance for homeless persons.

Discussion

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 sponsor. The agreement is not to exceed two years.

The ESG award is $37,678 of which Cunningham Township will receive $36,687 to administer their Bridge to Home: Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Neighbors program. This program includes rapid rehousing, such as relocation and stabilization services, along with tenant based rental assistance. The city will receive $991 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