



Cunningham Township
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Town Bills

See attached town bills for details.

- Town fund = \$43,322.59 in expenditures
- General Assistance Fund = \$76,596.39 in expenditures
- TOTAL: \$119,918.98 in expenditures

General Assistance

Monthly support for Urbana residents who are disabled or out of work.

- 134 Current Participants (down from 147): 24 closed & 11 opened
 - 7 closed as transferred to other cash benefits
 - 3 closed due to increased income/employment
 - 6 closed for out of township
 - 7 closed due to being non-responsive
 - 1 closed due to death
- 58 are homeless (67 last month)
- 79 males / 55 females / 0 transgender or gender non-conforming
- 43.8 is the average age
- NOTE: Community Work Program remained closed in September 2020

Rental Assistance

One-time assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness.

- 4 Rental Assistance (up from 2 last month)

Additional Assistance

- Supported 3 participants in application fees for housing.
- Supported 5 General Assistance participants move into housing.
- Supported 3 homeless families to obtain emergency housing.

Increase in Requests

- The volume of requests to Township continues to increase. In September we had 68 calls come in per work day or about 11 per hour, about double the volume from before COVID-19.
- A total of 599 applications (129 electronic and 470 paper) 470 General Assistance Applications have left our office since March 2020 or 100 per month.
- A total of 546 (63 electronic and 483 paper) Rental Assistance applications have left our office since March 2020 or 91 per month.

Housing Advocacy

Support for township participants to apply for available housing subsidizes.

- 48 of our most vulnerable participants helped to apply for subsidized housing to 7 housing opportunities.
- 10 have moved into subsidized housing with several more almost complete.

Disability Advocacy

Support for township participants to apply for SSI/SSDI and access supportive resources.

- 1 SSI application started in August by our SOAR advocate.
 - Additional outreach is planned to start an SSI application for a second participant.
- 1 participant approved for SSI in August and 1 participant approved for SSI in September.
- 2 reimbursements received.
- NOTE: GA ends when SSI begins. CTSO receives reimbursement from Social Security for GA payments made during the time of their disability.

Bucket Brigade

Stay-at-home food and safety provisions during COVID-19 for very low-income residents.

- Buckets: 638 (Since March 25)
- People served: 1580 (Since March 25) Including 579 children

Other COVID Support

Thanks to CURE funding, our design volunteer, former UI Press Art Director Cope Cumpston, Cunningham Township will be mailing a postcard about Township and partner resources to all Urbana households next week. This postcard is meant to ensure Urbana residents know how to access resources during COVID-19. It includes how to get free COVID tests, making sure people get counted with the census by October 31st, and a reminder to wear masks.

Cunningham Township is here to help.

Danielle Chynoweth, Supervisor

Wayne T. Williams Jr., Assessor



- Struggling to pay rent or bills?
- Running out of food?
- Out of work or disabled?
- Facing homelessness?
- Have an Urbana family member or neighbor in need?

Apply online, pick up an application, or contact us:

205 W. Green St., Urbana
(217) 384-4144
info@cunninghamtownship.org

Open: Mon-Fri 8:30-12 and 1-4:30
Hablamos Español: (847) 701-4217
www.CunninghamTownship.org



"Township is the only place I trust. I know you care. If there is anything good that can be done for people, you're going to find a way to do it."

— Township Participant



Township Programs For Urbana Residents

General Assistance

- Up to \$300 monthly support while residents look for work, retrain, apply for disability or other cash benefits
- 296 residents helped last year

Rental Assistance

- One-time payment to avoid eviction or end homelessness
- 119 households helped last year

Homeless Assistance

- Help accessing available housing options, public transportation, free phones, winter coats, and more
- 133 homeless residents helped last year

Food Support

- Help accessing pantries, food delivery, and fresh produce through our Solidarity Gardens CU collaborative
- 1580 residents fed since the COVID shut down

Grants for Social Service Agencies

- Grants to extend Township services
- 14 agencies helped including the Boys and Girls Club, Rape Crisis, The Refugee Center, & Health Care Consumers

Don't Forget!

GET COUNTED by the census or our community loses money and power: go to www.2020census.gov or call (844) 330-2020 by Oct 31st

VOTE by Nov. 3rd

To register or request a mail-in ballot: (217) 384-3724. You can walk-in, register, and vote at the same time: 1776 W. Washington St., Urbana.

Yes, you can vote with a felony.

Yes, you can vote if are homeless.

Community Resources

- Free COVID Testing: East of Marketplace Mall daily 8 – 4.
- Apply for COVID relief resources: www.ccrpc.org/covid-19-resources
- Power Bill Help: LIHEAP (217) 384-1226 www.ccrpc.org/liheap
- Domestic Violence Hotline: Courage Connection (877) 384-4390 (24/7)
- Rape Crisis Hotline: (217) 384-4444 (24/7)
- Immigrant resources: YMCA (217) 417-5897 laline@universityymca.org
- Help with Medicaid, Food Stamps, and Prescriptions Drugs: (217) 352-6533 cchcc@cchcc-il.org
- Free Legal Help for evictions/disability: Land of Lincoln (877) 342-7891
- Free Lifeline phone & cell service: (888) 321-5880 or (888) 900-5899
- Homeless shelter: CU at Home 70 E. Washington, Champaign (217) 888-0329
- Free mental health: Text TALK to 552020 or HABLAR to 552020

Did You Know?

- Your landlord can't charge you late fees above 5% of your monthly rent
- Your landlord can't ever charge in late fees more than 5% of your monthly rent in Urbana (for example \$25 a month if you pay \$500 rent)
- It is illegal for your landlord to decide not to rent to you just because of your arrest or conviction record or because you have children. Call: City of Urbana (217) 384-2455 or HRO@urbanaininois.us

#NeighborsHelpingNeighbors

YOU have the power to keep Champaign County healthy and safe. Wear a face mask/covering when out in public.

Wear It.
Don't Share It.



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**We support each other through hard times.
Call 211 for help any time of day.**

