



Cunningham Township

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Town Bills

- Town fund = \$49,749.65 in expenditures plus \$207,262.22 in Carle pay out for a combined total Town fund \$257,011.87
- General Assistance Fund = \$47,747.85 in expenditures plus \$169,033.63 in Carle pay out for a combined total GA fund \$216,631.48
- TOTAL: \$97,347.50 in expenditures plus \$376,295.85 in Carle pay out for a total combined Total of \$473,643.35

Assistance Statistics as of today

- **General Assistance**
 - Current Participants: 96 (96 last month)
 - 36 are homeless (36 last month)
 - 49 males / 47 females / 0 transgender or gender non-conforming
 - Average age: 47.3
 - TOTAL served by GA July 1, 2019 to present
 - Total people: 212. Total homeless: 86
- **Rental Assistance**
 - 5 (5 last month)
 - 3 eviction prevention cases
 - 2 move in assistance
 - Total Urbana households served July to present = 87 (average of 11 per month)

Annual Meeting

- The Annual Town Meeting will be Tuesday, April 14th at 6pm. At that time we will be asking for permission to dispose of surplus property as we have a basement full of old office furniture, typewriters, and computing equipment.

Highlights from the last month:

- Feb. 17th I presented to all Urbana Free Library staff during their inservice about how to help direct residents in need to our services.
- Our Stories, Our Places, Our Resilient Selves is an exhibition highlighting the voices of Urbana residents who have "Been Through It." It is produced by the University Y, Cunningham Township, and Prof. Ken Salo and is open through March 20, 2020 at 1001 S Wright St, Champaign.
- March 3, 2020 CTSO co-hosted a dialogue about local poverty with the Interfaith Alliance, University YMCA and Prof. Ken Salo of Urban Planning.
- We are participating in two UI Community Engagement grants to continue this series of storytelling events and exhibitions and improve social service resource guides.

- Feb. 25th I presented to the Innovation Illinois class, an initiative funded by the Chancellor's office, on our research efforts around local poverty and housing insecurity.
- CTSO initiated a conversation with United Way, Mental Health Board staff, UI NCSA, and township about how to improve 211 and develop a usable, up to date website with all community resources. Thanks to efforts by Dr. Anita Chan, we were able to secure a SPIN research fellow to support website development in summer of 2020.
- CTSO has been invited to join the Community Research Cooperative initiative that will build bridges between campus and community with an annual conference.
- We have been selected at the site for two full time Social Work Master Degree students serving in our office this summer. They will be working on strategic planning for the township and county at large to respond to poverty and housing insecurity.

Professional Development Update

- I attended an 8 hour training by CU Trauma and Resiliency on Wrap Around Care protocols to improve our service provision to high-need participants.
- Case Manager Liz Perrichone has completed 40 hour Domestic Violence training, 40 hour Rape Crisis training and 40 hours of training with CU Trauma and Resiliency.
- We now have 4 staff with are 40 hour Rape Crisis trained and nearly every staff member has been through Trauma Informed Care 101.
- We continue to attend regular meetings of the Community Coalition, Crisis Intervention Task Force, Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, Human Service Council, Workforce Development roundtable at WorkNet.