



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving a Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Housing Authority in the Amount of \$35,000 for 2023 and Authorizing Its Execution.

Overview

The 2023 Funding Grant Agreement between the Village of Oak Park and the Oak Park Housing Authority (OPHA) including a scope of services and program goals and measurements is presented for the Village Board's review and approval.

Recommendation

Adopt the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The Recommended FY 2023 Budget includes \$35,000 in funding for the Oak Park Housing Authority (Account # 2077.56260.101.583670).

Background

In 2005, the Housing Authority experienced a decrease in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the administration and operation of the Housing Choice Voucher program. Many Housing Authorities across the country and in Illinois also experienced similar cuts in funding. In 2005, the Village agreed to give the Housing Authority a stand-by funding commitment of \$150,000 from the Housing Bonds Fund to cover the federal shortfall. The Housing Authority only requested actual funding in the amount of \$21,388. In 2006, the Village made an additional funding commitment of \$100,000 and the Housing Authority actually invoiced \$29,000. In 2007, the Housing Authority actually invoiced \$42,043. In 2008, Housing Authority requested \$100,000 in funding authorization to fund the expected shortfall in federal funding for administrative costs of the Housing Choice Voucher program and actually invoiced \$34,720. In 2009, the Housing Authority received a direct allocation of \$25,000 to cover the shortfall. In 2010-12, the Village did not fund the administrative shortfall. In 2013, the Housing Authority requested \$25,000 to cover the administrative shortfall and the Village has been funding the shortfall since that time. The funding request increased to \$35,000 in 2015. The Housing Authority has nearly reached the point that, without additional local assistance from the Village, it may be forced to turn over the administration of the voucher program to the Cook County Housing Authority. The Cook County Housing Authority is unlikely to share the same

commitment to integration that the Oak Park Housing Authority has as its mission.

Alternatives

Not approve the Resolution or approve at some lesser amount.

Previous Board Action

On December 6, 2021, the Village Board approved a Funding Grant Agreement with the OPHA for \$35,000 for 2022.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A