



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 Fiscal Year 2022 and Authorizing its Execution

Overview

This is an annual agreement adopted by the Village to provide funding for the Oak Park Housing Authority (OPHA) to cover the shortfall of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The Recommended FY 2022 Budget includes \$35,000 for funding the Oak Park Housing Authority (Account #1001.46260.101.583670) from the Affordable Housing Fund.

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.

Unlike the other partner agencies, due to HUD funding timing and notifications, the Housing Authority will be submitting annual reports for the Housing Choice Vouchers program.

Alternatives

The alternative would be to not fund the Oak Park Housing Authority and risk that transfer of the Voucher program to the Cook County Housing Authority.

Previous Board Action

N/A

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A