



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a New Grant Application for the Illinois Department of Public Health Cooperative Public Health Grant for Emergency Response in an Amount Not to Exceed \$115,678 and Authorizing Submission of a New Grant Application for Two Fellow Positions from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) and the Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$12,000 for the Positions and Approval of Subsequent Agreements and Authorizing their Execution**

### **Overview**

The Health Department seeks approval to apply for grants for the following three new temporary positions: one (1) temporary 1-year epidemiologist that is primarily focused on COVID-19 and two (2) public health Fellows. The epidemiologist is funded by the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response position through the IDPH and the fellows are funded through the CDC and CSTE. The Fellows application requires an additional \$12,000. Staff is requesting \$12,000 in ARPA funds if the Village is selected as a fellow recipient.

### **Recommendation**

Adopt the Resolution.

### **Fiscal Impact**

We would receive \$115,678 from IDPH to fund the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response position (epidemiologist). For the two fellow positions, the Village is responsible for in-kind equipment and supplies and round-trip travel to Atlanta (CDC) for four federal meetings, over the two-year period. Staff is requesting \$12,000 in ARPA funds for these expenses.

### **Background**

For the IDPH grant, funds were made available by CDC via the Crisis Cooperative Agreement pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). The Act provides additional relief to address the continued impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on State and Local Public Health systems. To support the governmental public health response to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) activated CDC-RFA-TP18-1802 Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response.

CDC and IDPH expect public health agencies to use available funding to recruit, hire, and train personnel to address projected jurisdictional COVID-19 response needs over the performance period, including hiring personnel to build capacity to address public health priorities deriving from COVID-19.

The Health Department will apply to be a host site for both the CDC and CSTE Fellows. If selected, the CDC and CSTE will assign the Health Department a fellow. The grant deadline for the CSTE Fellow is January 14, 2022. The grant deadline for the PHAP Fellow is a rolling review.

**Alternatives**

The Village Board can request more information and/or delay the action on the grant.

**Previous Board Action**

N/A

**Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A

**Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

N/A

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

N/A