

CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION- 22-04 CONCERNING ARPA SLFRF SUBRECIPIENT FUND PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Center Township Trustee has been allocated and appropriated \$134,304.44 as a sub recipient of Porter County's American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Legislative Body, at a properly noticed public meeting approved the foregoing plan for the use of the \$134,304.44 for review and approval by the County Auditor's Office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Center Township Trustee wishes to provide premium pay in the total amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to those employees who worked during the heart of the pandemic to show appreciation for their efforts in the most uncertain of times;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Center Township Trustee has hired a Social Worker in order to help those clients of the Trustee's Office to increase awareness and uptake of assistance programs as well as to provide assistance to the unemployed or underemployed. As such, in furtherance of those goals and in accordance with the Department of Treasury Final Rule, the Trustee's Office wishes to utilize Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to fund the Center Township Trustee's salary for years 2023 and 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Center Township Trustee partners with local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the area as authorized by I.C. § 36-6-4-8(b) to perform services not specifically performed by the Trustee's Office or any other governmental entity and that the services are of a nature contemplated by I.C. § 36-6-4-3. The Trustee's Office finds that these partnerships are the best way to address the needs of those who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic as the organizations are best suited to identify and assist those citizens of Center Township who are most in-need;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in line with those partnerships with local nonprofit organizations:

a.) The Office of the Center Township Trustee wishes to provide Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to Housing Opportunities Inc. a local organization committed to providing shelter or low income housing so that they may repair the stairs and the walkway at their homeless shelter located at 2001 Calumet Avenue,

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Valparaiso, IN 46383. This project is assistance to an impacted non-profit intended to mitigate financial hardship as well as an enumerated use under Treasury's Final Rule to address long-term housing security and affordable housing as well as emergency housing assistance;

b.) The Office of the Center Township Trustee wishes to provide Thirteen Thousand Dollars Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) to Hilltop Neighborhood House to support their Food Assistance Program provided by their Soup Kitchen Project. This is for food assistance, including capital expenditures related to Hilltop's soup kitchen to address food insecurity. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is an estimate supporting that dollar amount;

c.) The Office of the Center Township Trustee wishes to aid the Moraine House, Inc. with Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00). The Moraine House is an organization that aids citizens of Center Township from disproportionately impacted socio-economic backgrounds recover from chemical dependency to address unemployment and underemployment. It further addresses a public health measure under the negative economic impact prong of the approved uses under the Final Rule. Moraine House experienced decreased revenue via donations as well as increased costs because of the pandemic. In support of the project, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a proposed work order;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Center Township Trustee wishes to provide direct assistance to those clients of the Trustee's Office who are at or below the poverty level and are current clients by providing:

- a.) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in V-line bus tokens;
- b.) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in pre-paid gas cards; and
- c.) Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in grocery vouchers.

In each instance, (a-c), the Office of the Trustee will provide a written notation of which clients received assistance and provide that to the Porter County Auditor's Office together with any supporting receipts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Center Township Trustee wishes to reserve Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Four Dollars and Forty-four Cents (\$25,704.44) to be distributed to the clientele of the Trustee's Office pursuant to I.C. 12-20-1-1 to I.C.12-20-28-3 for relief of poor persons through Township Assistance. The funds will first be paid from the Township assistance fund and the receipt of the same will be submitted to the Auditor's Office quarterly

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for reimbursement after confirmation of qualifying use. All funds will be distributed on or before July 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Center Township Legislative body wishes to cause this Resolution to be submitted to the Porter County Auditor's Office so that it may enter into a written agreement with the Porter County Commissioners to implement the aforementioned expenditures with all funds to be obligated on or before July 1, 2024.

So Resolved this 3rd day of August, 2022.



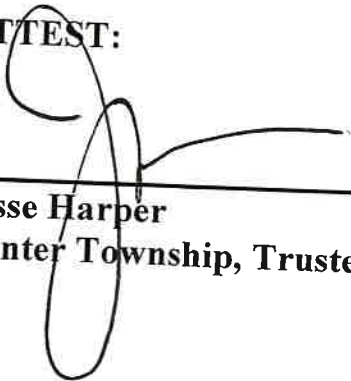
Debra E. Fray, Center Township Board Member



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ATTEST:



Jesse Harper
Center Township, Trustee