

RESOLUTION NO. 9293-R24

A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION  
BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY  
FOR HOME RENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of Urbana residents rent their dwellings or live in group quarters; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of renter households in Urbana are low-income families that are rent-burdened or live in substandard conditions; and

WHEREAS, the demand for publicly-assisted housing in Urbana, including public housing and Section 8 rent assistance programs administered by the Housing Authority of Champaign County (hereinafter "Housing Authority"), exceeds the supply of publicly-assisted housing available in Urbana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana adopted a five-year Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (hereinafter "CHAS") in October, 1991, that identifies lack of affordable rental housing as one of the city's most significant housing problems; and

WHEREAS, the city's CHAS established a five-year goal of increasing the number of Urbana families that receive rent assistance through the Housing Authority from 218 to 400; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (hereinafter "IHDA") has made Federal HOME funds available to community-based organizations on a competitive grant basis to fund tenant-based rent assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority has proposed to apply for \$750,000 in HOME tenant-based rent assistance funds to provide approximately 75 Champaign County families with rent assistance and supportive services over a two-year period; and

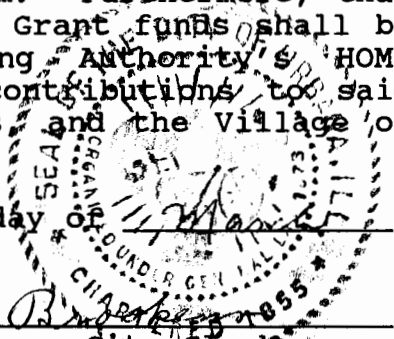
WHEREAS, HOME funds received from IHDA may not currently be used to pay staffing costs associated with HOME-funded programs including tenant-based rent assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1: That the City of Urbana, Illinois, supports an application by the Housing Authority of Champaign County for \$750,000 in Federal HOME funds to be used to provide rent assistance to very low-income families in Champaign County, including families residing in the City of Urbana.

Section 2: That the City of Urbana, Illinois, declares its intent to budget \$30,000 of its Federal Community Development Block Grant funds toward the proposed rent assistance program, said funds to be granted to the Housing Authority to pay a portion of the staffing costs associated with said program. Furthermore, that said pledge of Community Development Block Grant funds shall be contingent upon approval of the Housing Authority's HOME application by IHDA and upon financial contributions to said program by the City of Champaign, Illinois, and the Village of Rantoul, Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1993.

  
Ruth S. Brookens  
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1993.

Jeffrey T. Markland  
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor