



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
ENVIRONMENT and LAND USE COMMITTEE (ELUC) ADDENDUM II
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Thursday, May 7, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

VIII. **Items to be Approved by ELUC Committee**

D. Amending the RPC FY15 County Planning Contract to allocate 60hours/year from the "General Planning Services" item to Champaign County Area Rural Transportation System (C-CARTS) and the Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG) coordination.



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DATE: May 7, 2015
 TO: Environment and Land Use Committee
 FROM: Rita Morocoima-Black, RPC Planning and Community Development Director
 RE: Amending the RPC FY15 County Planning Contract
 ACTION REQUEST: Approve Replacement of 60 Contract Hours

Background

The County Board approved the RPC FY15 County Planning Contract [enclosed] in August, 2014. The contract includes 100 hours, totaling \$6,960, allocated towards “General Planning Services Requests.” That item includes providing research for funding sources, grant writing assistance, data analyses, and reports on topics of common interest to the Board or County Administration.

To continue to receive rural public transportation operating funding for the Champaign County Area Rural Transportation System (C-CARTS), Champaign County is required to submit an FTA section 5311 (Rural Public Transportation) and IL Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) grant applications annually. Allocated federal funding for FY2016 is \$153,871 while the awarded DOAP funding is \$587,246. Total available funding is \$741,117; however, the amount of DOAP funding that Champaign County and its operator can obtain will depend on their ability to provide local match funding. At this time, the reimbursement rate for DOAP funding is uncertain. If the reimbursement rate for DOAP is changed from 65% to 55% of eligible expenses more local match will be needed in order to maintain the current level of service provided by C-CARTS.

Champaign County can provide assistance to C-CARTS operation by contributing with staff time towards the 35% or 45% local match requirement. More local match allows Champaign County to leverage more DOAP funds; thereby, helping to maintain the current level of service.

Request

RPC recommends that the Environment and Land Use Committee approve replacement of 60 contract hours previously approved for “General Planning Services with the following tasks, both timely:

60 hours	\$ 6,000	<i>C-CARTS and RTAG Coordination.</i> Oversee C-CARTS’ operation and coordinate quarterly meetings with the Champaign County Rural Transit Advisory Group (RTAG) as well as maintain communication with IDOT regarding C-CARTS.
20 hours	\$ 960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop procedural handout for public awareness with regard to Zoning Case 802-AT-15 (LRMP Priority Item 6.1.1c-Amend CC Zoning Ordinance to reflect requirements of CC Health Ordinance, and vice versa. ▪ Remaining follow up review of CC R & E License –Proposed amendments to Ordinance 957.

	Hours	Cost
LRMP Implementation Working with the County Board and staff, priority implementation items will be identified that CCRPC planners can implement given available time and resources.	875	\$49,614
Assistance to Dobbins Downs – grant research, writing, technical services, income surveys	80	\$5,568
Recycling Events Coordination Countywide recycling collection initiatives in coordination with local entities have been spearheaded through the County contract for the last couple of years. Current challenges include seeking means to accommodate the ongoing need for household hazardous waste collection. <i>Typical activities: recycling events coordination and other initiatives intended to maximize awareness regarding materials management reduce, re-use or recycling opportunities in Champaign County.</i>	160	\$9,094
General Planning Services Requests County Board and/or County departments may solicit research for funding sources, grant writing assistance, data analyses, and reports on topics of common interest to the Board or County administration. <i>Typical activities:</i> <i>Zoning Case 802-AT-15 & CC R&E License - Proposed amendments to Ordinance 957</i> <i>C-CARTS Staff Support</i>	100	\$6,960
Administration (budgeting, work plan, project management)	25	\$1,740
Non-staff expenses (supplies, services, capital outlay) <i>Typical expenses: printing finished documents, purchasing research materials, office supplies, yearly subscriptions/ memberships, etc.</i>		\$1,814
Total	\$1,240	\$74,790