

# WINFIELD TOWNSHIP DEAD LAST

Letter to the Editor:

Last spring, DuPage County divided CARES Act money among its nine townships, allowing each of them to apply for reimbursement of up to \$225,000.00 for expenses incurred due to COVID-19. This included PPE, food, clothing, housing, rent or utility assistance and personal care items for the needy. I became aware of this at the end of January and sent a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request to Winfield Township to discover what the rules were for relief funds and started contacting nonprofits. At the township meeting I was told that the County was "picky" about what they allowed (yet 4 townships used their full allotment). They said that it was a shame that I hadn't approached them earlier (I am not aware of residents receiving communication about the funds). I sent a FOIA to the County on March 1<sup>st</sup>, when the CARES funds expired. Addison, Wayne, Bloomingdale and York Townships used their **FULL** allotment of funds. In fact, Addison Township used the full allotment as well as raising thousands more for the communities they serve. Downers Grove, Naperville, Milton and Lisle Townships did not use all of their allotments, but the township that left the most, over \$206,000.00 on the table unused, was Winfield. Imagine my surprise since the Township newsletter just came out with a photo showing trustees giving diapers to food banks. I did see a Jewel receipt in the FOIA'd receipts for \$1,533.09 worth of diapers, wipes and personal hygiene items, but to leave \$206,000.00 dollars unused that could have helped the needy in the township during this time of crisis is unconscionable. I hope that voters aren't duped by a photo op and April 6<sup>th</sup> vote for trustees that truly have their best interests at heart. It's time to get to know candidates Judi Lukas, Maury Goodman, and Shawn Hacker.

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 The following table (not part of the letter to the editor) shows the information that Cyd gathered from her FOIA request to the county showing the unspent money by township in DuPage County:

Township	Allocation Amount	Application 01	Application 02	Application 03	Application 04	Application 5	Remaining Allocation	Notes
Addison Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 4,734.22	\$ 265.78	X	X	\$ -	
Bloomingdale Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 45,971.62	\$ 184,028.38	X	X	X	\$ -	
Downers Grove Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 79,099.47	\$ 105,834.57	\$ 13,730.41	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,732.39	\$ 14,103.16	
Lisle Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 32,974.00	\$ 24,498.99	\$ 9,001.28	\$ 2,845.64	X	\$ 160,680.09	App04 is in Finance review
Milton Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 74,852.98	X	X	X	X	\$ 155,147.02	
Naperville Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 12,654.99	\$ 124,452.00	\$ 3,997.83	X	X	\$ 88,895.38	App02 is in Finance review
Wayne Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 51,654.26	\$ 108,581.00	\$ 5,701.06	\$ 61,000.00	\$5,063.68	\$ -	
Winfield Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 12,945.54	\$ 3,313.19	\$ 6,855.47	X	X	\$ 206,885.80	
York Township	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 145,579.79	\$ 79,420.21	\$ 4,658.36	\$ 341.64	X	\$ -	