

CHATHAM AND CAPITAL TOWNSHIPS'
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATION OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE

This Agreement is entered into as an Intergovernmental Agreement between Chatham and Capital Townships, and specifically by and through the Capital and Chatham Township Supervisors, for the shared use of General Assistance caseworkers and for Capital Township to aid in the administration of General Assistance for Chatham Township.

Purposes and Objectives. The purpose and objectives of this Agreement are as follows:

1. to assist each Township in the cost-efficient administration of General Assistance (GA) benefits, and specifically that this Agreement will result in reduced costs for Chatham Township to administer its General Assistance program and increase customer service to its residents.
2. to assist Chatham Township in its administration of General Assistance through the use of Capital Township General Assistance caseworkers to provide uniform General Assistance casework file management.

Each Township acknowledges its individual and mutual benefits and rights through this Intergovernmental Agreement and as further reflected in the Resolution to Authorize and Ratify the Execution of Chatham and Capital Township's Intergovernmental Agreement for Administration of General Assistance.

Powers. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement is entered into pursuant to the power and Authority in section 3 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/3 and the Illinois Township Act, 60 ILCS 1/70-50 and 60 ILCS 1/85-10 (d).

Pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/70-50, the Chatham Township Supervisor and Capital Township Supervisor each are charged with the statutory obligation and rights to administer General Assistance. This agreement is subject to the approval of each respective Township supervisor. Each respective Township board may also ratify this agreement.

Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Chatham Township agrees to reimburse Capital Township \$1,125 for set up costs associated with initially setting up General Assistance Software to accept another Township.
2. Chatham Township will pay Capital Township \$40 per hour for a Capital Township GA caseworker to travel to and from the Chatham Township office and to administer Chatham Township's GA, including applicant intake processing services, at the Chatham Township office.

3. Capital Township agrees to provide office hours for Chatham Township applicant intake at 901 S. 11th Street Springfield, IL 62701 from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday except on Holidays.
4. Chatham Township agrees to pay Capital Township a fee of \$20 per applicant seen by the Capital Township GA caseworker for processing of vouchers and payments to vendors on cases seen at the Chatham Township office.
5. Chatham Township will pay Capital Township an applicant fee of \$15 and a processing fee of \$20 for each Chatham Township applicant processed at the Capital Township office, for a total fee of \$35 per application.
6. Capital Township shall receive, review, and process Chatham Township GA applications in compliance with the applicable GA statutory procedures and the Emergency Assistance Manual as adopted by Chatham Township and consistent with the Rodriquez Consent Decree to the extent required.
7. Chatham Township agrees their assistance categories for which Capital Township will provide GA will be: Rent, Utility and Food Assistance.
8. Chatham Township will set a budget for each category of Assistance on a per month basis that Capital Township will be subject to while carrying out duties under this Agreement.
9. Chatham Township authorizes Capital Township GA caseworkers to make GA expenditures in a manner and in amounts consistent with the terms and responsibilities created by this Agreement, and based upon the information provided by the applicant, Chatham Township, and otherwise available to the Capital Township GA caseworker at the time the application is received and approved.
10. Capital Township will notify Chatham Township applicants for assistance as to whether they qualify for assistance with either a written denial or a voucher that benefits have been given, within 10 business days from receipt of the application.
11. Chatham Township applicants will be subject to the same appeals process as Capital Township for reviewing appeals for denied or suspended benefits.
12. Capital Township agrees to notify the Chatham Township Supervisor via e-mail of any complaints or appeals received from Chatham Township applicants by the end of business the following business day.
13. If Chatham Township disagrees with any GA expenditure approved or provided by a Capital Township GA caseworker on behalf of Chatham Township for an applicant on the basis of the amount or qualification of the recipient, the Chatham Township Supervisor may dispute such matter by presenting the nature and details of such disagreement in writing to the Capital Township Supervisor. The Township Supervisors and GA Supervisors of both townships will meet and review the documentation to determine the appropriateness of the benefits approved or provided within 7 calendar days or on such date as is mutually agreed upon. Liability of the Capital Township GA caseworker's actions on behalf of Chatham Township shall be the same as if the caseworker was an employee of Chatham Township.
14. Chatham Township will reimburse Capital Township on a monthly basis the amount of assistance and fees charged by the end of the following calendar month.
15. Capital Township will retain ownership of all financial documents and other records gathered or collected by Capital Township GA caseworkers from Chatham Township or Chatham Township's general assistance applicants while carrying out duties under this Agreement and retain those items in accordance with the requirements of the Local Records Commission.

16. Capital Township will be responsible for sending 1099's to vendors utilized by Capital Township and other applicable employment documents for any Capital Township GA caseworker who performs services for Chatham Township pursuant to this Agreement as required by applicable state and federal laws.
17. Capital Township will provide access to records retained on Capital Township premises that were gathered or collected by Capital Township GA caseworkers from Chatham Township or Chatham Township's general assistance applicants while carrying out duties under this Agreement for inspection during normal business hours to Chatham's Township Supervisor, employees, officials and authorized agents. Cost of copies of documents and records will be reimbursed by Chatham Township should they be requested.
18. All Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for information regarding Chatham Township GA received by Capital Township will be directed to the Chatham Township Supervisor. Subject to approval from the Chatham Township Supervisor or as otherwise required by law, Capital Township will provide the information at a rate of cost the same as in #2 above and the cost of copies in order to comply with the request. The Chatham Township Supervisor is required to notify Capital Township of FOIA requests received by Chatham Township that require a response from Capital Township, by the end of the business day on which the applicable FOIA request is received.
19. Capital Township will provide statistical reports, of a form and type as mutually agreed upon, via e-mail on a periodic basis to support information to be provided to the Board of Trustees of Chatham Township at their regular meetings.
20. For notification purposes, the Township Supervisor or each township, or his designee, is the accepted person to which any formal or required notices must be provided.
21. Chatham Township will provide and pay for its own audit of any of the services provided pursuant to this Agreement.
22. All amounts to be paid by Chatham Township to Capital Township pursuant to this Agreement shall automatically increase each December 1 by the amount of the applicable inflationary rate as calculated pursuant to Illinois's Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL).
23. To the extent allowable by law, Chatham Township shall defend and hold harmless Capital Township against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Agreement and shall indemnify Capital Township for any costs, expenses, fees, fines, or damages resulting there from (including all court costs, fees, and reasonable attorneys' fees).
24. Either township may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.
25. Each township acknowledges that this Agreement may be amended only in writing during the term of this Agreement as deemed necessary and mutually agreeable by the parties, subject to notice to each of the townships and the right of each Township Supervisor to review, recommend, and approve any future amendments.

Duration of Agreement. This Agreement shall take effect upon written approval by the respective Township officials who executed this Agreement for the term of _____, 2010 through _____, 2011. This Agreement may be renewed to coincide with the next fiscal year, beginning March 1, 2011, or as otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties.

Executed, adopted, and approved by Capital Township and Chatham Township by the undersigned supervisors of General Assistance.

Capital Township
Supervisor

Chatham Township
Supervisor

Date

Date