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Hamilton County Announces \$10 Million in Emergency Rental Assistance for Hamilton County Residents Affected by COVID-19

(NOBLESVILLE, FEBRUARY 9, 2021) – Hamilton County officials announced that they have been awarded a \$10 million dollar Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) grant from the U.S. Department of Treasury for COVID-19 assistance. Specifically, this funding will assist renter households unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to loss of income from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County Commissioners selected the Hamilton County Trustee Association (HCTA) to oversee the grant with the funds being administered by the Westfield Washington Township (WWT) Trustees office.

“We are very proud and excited to have been awarded this grant,” says Christine Altman, Hamilton County Commissioner. “Not only are renters who lost income due to COVID hurting, but our many landlords are struggling as a result. This grant will assist with lost income and provide the ability to keep renters housed in 2021.”

Danielle Carey Tolan, Hamilton County Trustee Association President and Westfield Washington Township Trustee, will oversee and administer the \$10 million grant to eligible residents and will begin accepting applications this spring. “One of the main functions of the Township is to provide financial assistance to our residents facing emergency situations,” said Carey Tolan. “We are extremely grateful for this funding and providing much-needed COVID-19 relief to our residents in need. The grant does allow us to assist renters with past due rent/utility bills beginning in April 2020.”

Backgrounder

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program is included in the most recent stimulus package from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Seven Indiana counties, including Hamilton County, were allocated funds in terms of grant dollars for COVID-19 relief assistance for rent and utilities. Specifically, Hamilton County received \$10,120,511.40. These funds will be administered through December 31, 2021 or until all funds have been distributed. For more information, visit www.HCTAIndiana.com.