

Board of Commissioners of Cook County Minutes of the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee

10:35 AM

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anaya, McCaskill, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

Absent: Gainer and Miller (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner McCaskill, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, McCaskill, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

Absent: Gainer and Miller (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Vásquez, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to appoint Commissioner Anaya as acting chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, McCaskill, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

Absent: Gainer and Miller (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Acting Chairwoman Anaya asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore

25-3363

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/10/2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vásquez, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 25-3363. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, McCaskill, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

Absent: Gainer and Miller (2)

25-3005

Presented by: SUSAN CAMPBELL, Director, Department of Planning and Development

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Bureau of Economic Development; Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Department of Planning and Development

Grantor: The Department of Housing and Urban Development

Request: Proposed grant award for CDBG, ESG and HOME

Purpose: To support various community development, homeless and social services, affordable housing and economic activities in suburban Cook County.

Grant Amount:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$10,516,157

HOME Investment Partnerships: \$5,777,500 Emergency Solution Grant (ESG): \$848,353

Grant Period:

CDBG: 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2032 HOME: 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2033 ESG: 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2027

Fiscal Impact: NA

Accounts:

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Concurrences:

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

Summary: Transmitted herewith are the proposed funding sources and categories for the 2025 Program Year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) programs.

The CDBG program or Community Development Block Grant program is a federal grant program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides annual grants to states, cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by offering decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate-include residents and areas.

ESG funding may be utilized to support various shelter and service activities for the benefit of homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness.

HOME funding may be utilized to support affordable housing development activities for the benefit of low-income persons.

These funds are provided to Cook County via an annual formula through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Cook County then distributes these funds to municipalities and nonprofit organizations to support infrastructure improvements, as well as social services and homeless prevention in income-eligible communities within suburban Cook County.

The Department of Planning and Development, as part of the Bureau of Economic Development, respectfully requests approval of the recommended proposed funding sources and uses for the 2025 CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds; and that the Bureau Chief of Economic Development or his/her designee be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Cook any and all documents necessary to further the approval herein, including but not limited to, subrecipient agreements, intergovernmental agreements, amendments, and modifications thereto, loan documents, lien assignments, releases of mortgages and liens, and mortgage assumptions.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCaskill, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to recommend for approval 25-3005. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, McCaskill, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

Absent: Gainer and Miller (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vásquez, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Lynne M. Surver

Ayes: Anaya, McCaskill, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

Absent: Gainer and Miller (2)

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Chairwoman Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at https://cook-county.legistar.com.