



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

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

9:20 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Gainer, Vice Chairman Boykin, Commissioner Sims (3)

Absent: Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Gainer asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. Ameya Pawar– Alderman 47th Ward, City of Chicago
2. Sam Toia – President and CEO, Illinois Restaurant Association
3. Melissa Josephs-Director of Equal Opportunity Policy, Women Employed
4. Michael Reeve-Vice President Government Relations, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
5. Tonya Triche-Vice President General Counsel, Illinois Retail Merchants Association
6. Rameka Aton-R.O.C. Administrator, Restaurant Opportunities Center
7. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen
8. Art Potash –Potash Markets
9. Mary Hartsfield, Vice President, Warriors on the Watch, Inc.
10. Randall K. Blakey-Representative, Local Leaders in Collaboration (written testimony)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES
15-4656**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/20/2015

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Gainer, Vice Chairman Boykin, Commissioner Sims (3)

Absent: Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (2)

15-1700

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO DISCUSS WORKFORCE, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS IN COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to fostering economic, workforce and community development within Cook County by strategically leveraging the tools and resources with a growing regional capacity to expand the amount of jobs and housing and support stable, resilient communities for its residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Committee on Housing, Workforce and Community Development intends to meet to review projects, ideas, resolutions and ordinances to further the discussion and explore opportunities to: support regional business growth and retention; support job creation through apprenticeship programs that lead to sustainable long-term employment; work in partnership with members of our skilled trades; and to discuss ways to partner with federal, state and local governments to reinvest in our communities by reducing the amount of vacant and abandoned housing.

Legislative History: 2/10/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be recommended for deferral. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Gainer, Vice Chairman Boykin, Commissioner Sims (3)

Absent: Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (2)

15-4070

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

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Cook County Bureau of Economic Development

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Request: Authorization to accept grant

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

Grant Amount:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$9,592,913.00

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG): \$819,584.00

HOME Investment Partnerships: \$4,171,139.00

Grant Period:

CDBG: 10/1/2015 - 9/30/2016

ESG: 10/1/2015 - 9/30/2017

HOME: 10/1/2015 - 9/30/2020

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

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 uses for the 2015 Program Year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (formerly known as the Emergency Shelter Grant); and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs.

These funds are provided to Cook County via an annual formula grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are restricted for use within suburban Cook County. The Planning and Development Subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is expected to approve these recommendations at a public hearing which will be held in July.

The 2015 Program Year funding allocations are as follows:

CDBG: \$9,592,913

ESG: \$819,584

HOME: \$4,171,139

CDBG funding may be utilized to support various community development activities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons.

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.

The proposed sources and uses of all program funds will be incorporated into the County's Annual Action Plan, which will be made available for public comment prior to submittal to HUD by 8/15/2015.

I respectfully request approval of the recommended proposed funding sources and uses for the 2015 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 programs 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.

Legislative History: 7/1/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Grant Award be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Gainer, Vice Chairman Boykin, Commissioner Sims (3)

Absent: Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (2)

15-4077

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management, Painters' District Council #14, International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades ("Painters' District Council #14") and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center ("JTDC") have been working to devise and implement a Pre-Apprenticeship Program for a limited number of JTDC Residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Facilities Management and the Painters' District Council #14 desire to enter into a Side Letter of Agreement to allow for the implementation of a Pre-Apprenticeship Program; and

WHEREAS, said Pre-Apprenticeship Program will consist of a 160 hour program per 12 month period, subject to further authorization and direction by JTDC through a Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by JTDC, Department of Facilities Management and Painters' District Council #14; and

WHEREAS, said Pre-Apprenticeship Program ("Program") is designed to offer a certain number of JTDC Residents approved by the JTDC with the opportunity to be instructed in the basics of painting while detained at the JTDC; and

WHEREAS, JTDC Residents authorized as Program participants will learn craft skills, project management, safety equipment standards as well as the use of tools of the trade in a supervised environment; and

WHEREAS, Painters' District Council #14 has agreed to provide Program participants who successfully complete the Program if implemented with three (3) days credit toward an apprenticeship if the JTDC Resident/Program participant were to obtain an apprenticeship in the future, along with a corresponding certificate of training; and

WHEREAS, said Program if implemented may be terminated at any time at the direction of the County or at the request of JTDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Department of Facilities Management and the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources to execute a Side Letter of Agreement on behalf of Cook County with Painters' District Council #14, International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades for a Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Legislative History: 7/1/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Gainer, Vice Chairman Boykin, Commissioner Sims (3)

Absent: Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this motion to adjourn be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Gainer, Vice Chairman Boykin, Commissioner Sims (3)

Absent: Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (2)

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman


Secretary

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