



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Board Room Closed to Public - Meeting Virtual for Public)**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 AM**

[23-0523](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, DENNIS DEER and BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION TO ASSESS NEEDS AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDED BY COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) defines behavioral health as the promotion of mental health, emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing and resilience; the treatment of mental and substance use disorders; and the support of those who experience and/or are in recovery from these conditions, along with their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, an Illinois Department of Public Health report from 2015 identified that behavioral health visits to Illinois emergency departments (ED) were growing faster than any other category of care offered through Illinois EDs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Public Health's Illinois Healthcare Report Card of 2018 has reported that residents of Cook County had an average of 4.1 mentally unhealthy days per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the same report showed a health disparity in which African Americans face a greater risk of relying on emergency departments to access behavioral health care, with 1.67 times more visits than whites; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2016 survey of behavioral health facilities conducted by the Chicago Department of Public Health 79% of publicly available behavioral health agencies reported unmet mental health needs and 61% reported unmet substance-use related needs; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2019 report from the Alliance for Health Equity identified "quality" as the greatest overarching need for behavioral health services in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic 31.3% of adults in Illinois reported symptoms of anxiety and/or depressive disorder, compared to 31.6% of adults in the U.S; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Children's Hospital of Chicago, 44% of Chicago children experienced an increase in at least one mental or behavioral health system during the pandemic compared with before the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, lack of mental health and behavioral services along with other community support are a major concern for recidivism in people either released from the County Jail or on electronic monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government has typically allocated funding for behavioral health services, and funding is allocated for these programs; and

**WHEREAS**, access to mental health service and equity is highly disparate in underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no regular documentation nor oversight mechanism to evaluate the number of people served, any overlap in patients and communities served, or the impact and efficacy of all the disparate County-wide services provided; and

**WHEREAS**, an assessment of the behavioral health work conducted by Cook County can help Cook County Government identify best practices, needs, and priority areas to grow behavioral health care.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cook County entities, departments, agencies or offices that conduct behavioral health services shall submit two (2) reports yearly to the Health and Hospitals Committee of the Cook County Board with details of their services during a public hearing of the Committee. Those entities, departments, agencies, or offices should include but not be limited to:

- a. The Cook County Health and Hospitals System;
- b. The Cook County Department of Public Health;
- c. Cermak Health Services of Cook County;
- d. Juvenile Temporary Detention Center;
- e. The Cook County Sheriff;
- f. The Cook County State's Attorney;
- g. The Office of the Chief Judge of Cook County; and
- h. The Cook County Public Defender.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the reports shall include the following information, as applicable to each entity, on behavioral health initiatives, programs, and activities:

- a. data on the population served, including a breakdown of where patients of the program reside in Cook County and the number of patients served;
- b. overall goals of behavioral health program and information on the best practices in this type of programming;

- c. information on the providers, managers, operators, and/or contractual personnel of the behavioral health care program, activity or service, and any information on external partners working with your agency on this program;
- d. key performance indicators that are used to measure the results of the program;
- e. quality measures or expectations for contracts involved in the program; and
- f. information on how the care provided in this program serves the best interests of the patient/recipient of care;
- g. information on the participant's continuum of care plan and whether the participant has received follow up care at a Cook County hospital including medication management as a part of aftercare.
- h. an evaluation of the impact of the program and an overview of its effectiveness, particularly as it pertains to vulnerable populations, racial and ethnic minorities; and populations facing disparities in behavioral health outcomes, behavioral health care, and behavioral healthcare access;
- i. information with the costs associated with the program(s) and funding source(s);
- j. any additional information which may facilitate the Committee's understanding of the program, initiative, or activity; and
- k. any additional information which may foster a more accurate assessment of behavioral health care needs and opportunities for collaboration or growth within the Cook County Government's efforts around behavioral health care programs.

**Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The reporting schedule shall be as follows: The first bi-yearly reports shall be submitted to the Cook County Board by the June Board Meeting Agenda deadline and shall be heard before the Health & Hospitals Committee no later than July of that year. The second set of reports shall be submitted to the Board in November and heard before the committee in December.

[23-0524](#)

**Presented by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Steven Neil Durlauf

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** November 30, 2026

[23-0526](#)

**Presented by:** ANNETTE GUZMAN, Budget Director

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget & Management Services

**Report Title:** FY2022 4th Quarter Grants Report

**Report Period:** September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022

**Summary:** Pursuant to Section 26 of the Cook County Resolution and Appropriation Bill for FY2022, the Department of Budget & Management Services submits the attached list of grant awards received by Cook County Departments and Agencies during the 4th Quarter of the fiscal year (September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022).

[23-0530](#)

**Presented by:** ANNETTE GUZMAN, Budget Director

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget & Management Services

**Report Title:** FY2022 4th Quarter Budget Transfers Under \$50,000

**Report Period:** September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022

**Summary:** Pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Resolution and Appropriation Bill for FY2022, the Department of Budget & Management Services submits the attached list of budget transfers of under \$50,000 made by Cook County Departments and Agencies from September 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022.

[23-0214](#)

**Presented by:** PONNI ARUNKUMAR, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Cook County Medical Examiner

**Vendor:** Cremation Society of Illinois, Homewood, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Transportation and Cremation Services of Indigent Decedents

**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2022 with one (1), two (2) year renewal option

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$325,000.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 12/17/2020, \$325,000.00

**Increase Requested:** \$325,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$162,500, FY 2024 \$162,500

**Accounts:** 11100.1259.17140.520470.00000

**Contract Number(s):** 2001-18331

**Concurrences:**

The contract-specific goal set on this contract is zero.

Chief Procurement Officer concurs

**Summary:** This amendment contract for Cremation Society of Illinois will allow the Medical Examiner to continue providing decedents the best care and service. This service is for indigent decedents who are unclaimed. The vendor was selected pursuant to a publicly advertised Invitation for Bids in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Cremation Society of Illinois was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

[23-0355](#)

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** K-Five Construction Corporation, Westmont, Illinois

**Action:** Refer to Transportation Committee

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services

**Location:**

Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation Program South 2021

167th Street - County Line to 104th Avenue

Walker Road - Apple Avenue to Main Street

Wolf Road - Butterfield to St. Charles Road

**County Board District(s):** 16, 17

**Original Contract Period:** 10/7/2021 - 12/24/2024

**Section:** 20-PPRPS-00-PV

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Section:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$3,885,158.74

**Original Board Approval:** 10/7/2021, \$3,885,158.74

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** \$342,360.76

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$342,360.76

**Accounts:** 11300.1500.29150.560019

**Contract Number(s):** 2138-18642

**IDOT Contract Number(s):** N/A

**Federal Project Number(s):** N/A

**Federal Job Number(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation and partial MBE and partial WBE waiver.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully submits a contract amendment on the above captioned project in the Villages of Lemont, Orland Park, Berkeley, and Hillside. The Department is respecting that this item be referred to the Transportation Committee for later discussion.

On October 7, 2021, your Honorable Body awarded a contract to K-Five Construction Corporation of Westmont, Illinois for the aforesaid improvement to be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications.



The quantities as shown on the contract documents were estimated for bidding purposes only. This change represents the difference between the estimated quantities and actual field quantities of work performed with additional quantities required for grading and shaping ditches, topsoil, concrete curb and gutter and related items.

New items were required for asphalt driveway placement, additional traffic control, drainage repairs and related items.

[23-0216](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TECHNOLOGY)**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Technology

**Vendor:** Elite Fiber Optics, Franklin Park, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Fiber Optic Equipment

**Contract Value:** \$5,405,082.17

**Contract period:** 2/1/2023 - 1/31/2026

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2023 \$2,463,807.44, FY 2024 \$2,941,275.01

**Accounts:** 11286.1009.61161.560225; Award 11655, Project 27416 and CIP Funding 11286.1009.61161.560107

**Contract Number(s):** 2216-07260

**Concurrence(s):**

The contract specific goal on this contract is zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

N/A

**Summary:** This contract will provide goods and services to support the upcoming phases of the Connect Illinois Broadband Grant project. The contract includes fiber optic equipment such as cable and underground conduit plus services such as earth excavation and fiber splicing. The goal of this project is to link south suburban municipalities, public safety sites, community colleges, and businesses to gigabit speed

internet services to promote economic development and help bridge the digital divide.

[23-0270](#)

**Presented by:** SHARONE R. MITCHELL, JR, Cook County Public Defender

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Cook County Public Defender's Office

**Vendor:** Safer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Bond Court Backlog Specialists

**Original Contract Period:** 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2021, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 1/1/2023-12/31/2023

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,818,489.60

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board of Commissioners 12/12/2018, \$1,345,489.60

**Increase Requested:** \$487,177.60

**Previous Board Increase(s):** 12/16/2021 Board meeting, item no. 22-0007, 1st renewal & increase, 01/01/2022-12/31/2022, \$473,000.00

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Office Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2023 \$487,177.60

**Accounts:** 11100.1260.10155.521313

**Contract Number(s):** 1823-17607

**Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MWBE waiver.

Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

The Chief Information Officer has reviewed this item and concurs with this recommendation.

**Summary:** The Public Defender's Office is requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase and exercise the second of two (2) one-year renewal options for a contract with the Safer Foundation to provide bond court backlog specialists.

This contract was awarded through a publicly advertised competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Safer Foundation was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.