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Honorable Cook County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Honorable Commissioners,

Thank you for your support in approving Resolution 24-2103 in the April 17, 2024, Finance Committee meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Resolution 24-2103 reallocated \$70 million in the Disaster Response and Recovery Fund (DRRF) for municipal use.

Resolution 24-2103 further authorized the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) to enter into an Agreement with the City of Chicago (City) that would allow the County through DEMRS to reimburse the City for food service or other new arrival operating costs throughout calendar year 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$70 million from the municipal/local government allocation in the DRRF.

The Scope of Services (Exhibit A) in the Agreement specifically allows for the \$70 million to be used for the New Arrivals Meal Program. This is a reimbursement model, and the City is required to submit detailed invoices and proof of payment prior to the County issuing reimbursement. In addition, the Agreement does allow for the funds to be used for "other new arrival operating costs" however, any such use would require a modification request from the City. Exhibit B of the Agreement includes detailed questions that must be answered by the City to request such a modification and the modification request would be subject to the DEMRS approval.

In accordance with the request of the Finance Committee, any modification request to the Agreement with the City authorized under Resolution 24-2103 will be subject to the advance approval of the County Board.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President
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