



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Environment and Sustainability Committee**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

**3:30 PM**

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

**Issued on 10/16/24**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

**24-5831**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/22/2024.

[24-4587](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND CIS COOK, LLC FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLANNING, PHASE II**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00 of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award allocated to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 21-3654 further authorized the Cook County Budget Director and Comptroller to create and implement a Special Purpose Fund for the ARPA award and other accounting measures to track the acceptance and spending of the federal award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for ARPA programs approved via Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 further authorized ARPA funding for Sustainable Community programs; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the goal of climate resiliency, the County has allocated approximately \$16M of the ARPA funds to NT015: Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities, a two-phase project; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2023, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved DES to enter into a contract with a consultant for Phase I of the program, consisting of community engagement and development of climate resiliency plans for the five participating communities of Bellwood, Franklin Park,

Justice, Lynwood, and Markham; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has allocated approximately \$14,078,987.19 of the ARPA Funds for the purpose of implementing Phase II, climate resiliency solutions, informed by community participation and climate resiliency plans developed in Phase I of the program; and

**WHEREAS**, CIS Cook, LLC (“CIS”) is an established climate and infrastructure consulting agency, which has extensive experience and expertise in providing innovative infrastructure solutions to address critical environmental challenges and deliver social and economic benefits to underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2024, DES posted an open call for subrecipients to serve as program administrators for Phase II of the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities program and a review panel selected CIS’s proposal as the strongest approach to the program; and

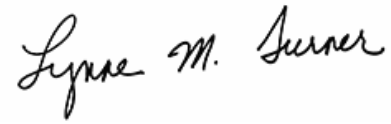
**WHEREAS**, Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637 provided that any grants issued regarding ARPA programs in an amount over \$1 million shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes DES to utilize ARPA funding for multiyear terms through Fiscal Year 2026, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for Phase II of the NT005 Climate Resiliency Planning initiative, to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with CIS Cook, LLC, in the amount of \$14,078,987.19 to administer Phase II, Implementation of the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the Director of DES to negotiate and enter into the various agreements that outline the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the Subrecipient listed above to implement the above program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of DES or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to the Department of Environment and Sustainability’s selected Subrecipient based upon need and utilization.

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environment and Sustainability C



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