



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**9:30 AM**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (16)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

- 1.. George Blakemore- Chicago, IL.
2. Patricia Puenty-Chicago, IL.
3. Spencer Haydary -Law Center for Better Housing
4. Tina Rounds -BEDS Plus
5. Carl Wolf - Respond Now-Chicago Heights
6. Dennis White- Chicago, IL.
7. Jessica Jackson- Chicago, IL.
8. Tywon Simms- Chicago, IL.
9. Zoe Leigh- Chicago, IL.
10. Romiesha Tucker- Housing Forward
11. Aber Abueid- Sanad- Food Pantry
12. Julie Schaeffer- Northfield Township Food Pantry

**26-0938**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/04/2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0938. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**COURT ORDERS**

**26-0832**

**Presented by:** CHARLES S. BEACH II, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge

**Report Title:** Report of Legal and Expert Witness Fees and Expenses Processed for Payment

**Report Period:** January 9, 2026 - February 16, 2026

**Summary:** This report includes court orders for the payment of fees and associated expenses to attorneys and experts for legal services provided on behalf of indigent litigants. The orders have been processed by the Office of the Chief Judge and submitted to the Cook County Comptroller's Office for payment during the period.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 26-0832. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

## SPECIAL COURT CASES

### 26-0889

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 92 CR 25596-01  
Date of This Order: 02/11/2026  
Time period: 11/01/2025 - 02/06/2026  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$32,474.25  
Paid to Date: \$9,171,895.28  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

### 26-0890

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 91 CR 22460-02  
Date of This Order: 02/17/2026  
Time period: 10/01/25 - 02/06/2026  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$24,403.70  
Paid to Date: \$9,171,895.28  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

### 26-0891

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 00 CR 13572-01  
Date of This Order: 02/18/2026  
Time period: 09/15/2025 - 01/27/2026  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$60,889.45  
Paid to Date: \$9,171,895.28  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

### 26-0892

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC  
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 88 CR 0230902  
Date of This Order: 02/19/2026  
Time period: 11/21/2025 - 02/18/2026  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$9,519.70  
Paid to Date: \$605,486.54  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**26-0893**

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC  
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 96 CR 0938501  
Date of This Order: 02/19/2026  
Time period: 07/31/2025 - 02/18/2026  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,131.25  
Paid to Date: \$170,712.23  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**26-0894**

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni  
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 99 CR 2602001 & 99 CR 2602002  
Date of This Order: 02/19/2026  
Time period: 01/29/2026 - 02/19/2026  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,715.87  
Paid to Date: \$261,122.66  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve the SPECIAL COURT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)  
**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)  
**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**26-0854**

Case: Pittman v. Halloran, et al.  
Case No: 23 C 14786  
Settlement Amount: \$4,000,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Marcelous Pittman and Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 09/17/2025  
Subject matter: alleged violation of constitutional rights

**26-0855**

Case: Tinajero v. City of Chicago, et al.  
Case No: 24 C 1598  
Settlement Amount: \$3,000,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Jose Tinajero and Law Offices of Kenneth N. Flaxman P.C.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/23/2025  
Subject matter: alleged violation of constitutional rights

**26-0856**

Case: James Allen v. City of Chicago, et al.  
Case No: 22 C 03044  
Settlement Amount: \$49,500.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: James Allen and Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: alleged violations of constitutional rights

**26-0857**

Case: Jeremy Jackson v. Anthony Wojcik, et al.  
Case No: 23 C 2027  
Settlement Amount: \$4,000,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Jeremy Macon and Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 09/17/2025  
Subject matter: alleged violations of constitutional rights

**26-0814**

Case: Martinez, Mary-Ellen v. Cook County Health  
Case No: 25 C 6827  
Settlement Amount: \$60,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County  
Payable to: Mary-Ellen Martinez (\$39,000.00) and Abraham Law & Consulting, LLC (\$21,000.00)  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**26-0840**

Case: Watkins, Siobhan v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County  
Case No: 25 C 5264  
Settlement Amount: \$78,030.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 1335- Clerk of the Circuit Court- Office of the Clerk  
Payable to: Siobhan Watkins  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**26-0841**

Case: Szuwart, Krystyna (Est. Zdzislaw Szuwart) v. Cook County  
Case No: 24 L 14096  
Settlement Amount: \$1,050,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)  
Payable to: Krystyna Szuwart and her attorneys, Munday & Nathan  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 02/4/2026  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

**26-0888**

Case: Jimmy Tobias v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Case No: 2023 CH 07580  
Settlement Amount: \$24,109.89  
Fixed Charges Department: 499 (Public Safety)  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**26-0830**

Case: Sellers, Gloria v. Kena et al.  
Case No: 25 C 4040  
Settlement Amount: \$75,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: 1231-Police Department  
Payable to: Gloria Sellers and Gregory E. Kulis & Associates, Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve the PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)  
**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)  
**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORTS**

**26-0732**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments Following Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Litigated Settlements & Awards

**Report Period:** 12/17/2025 through 03/10/2026

**Summary:** Authorization to Pay Settlements & Awards

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 26-0732. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS**

**26-0839**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending January 31, 2026. Payments total \$1,531,291.62

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0839. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT**

**26-0871**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

**Report Period:** 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is requesting authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements for the month ending March 2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0871. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT**

**26-0835**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Patient Arrestee Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 1-1-2026 - 1/31/2026

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the months ending January 31, 2026. Payments total: \$ 10,734.37.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 26-0835. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT**

**26-0836**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Self-Insurance Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending 2/28/26. Payments total - \$13,371.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 26-0836. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**COMPTROLLERS**

**26-0926**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Comptroller

**Report Title:** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

**Report Period:** for the two-month period ended January 31, 2026

**Summary:** Attached are an Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the two-month period ended January 31, 2026, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County. The report presents estimates of revenues and expenses expected to occur during the fiscal period compared to actual revenues and expenses recorded.

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 26-0926. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**HEALTH & HOSPITAL**

**26-0935**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Health

**Report Title:** CCH Monthly Report

**Report Period:** February 2026

**Summary:** This report is provided in accordance with Resolution 14-4311 approved by the County Board on 7/23/14.

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 26-0935. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**26-0727**

**Presented by:** XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**Sponsored by:** DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, TARA S. STAMPS, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR. and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Bureau of Economic Development

**Other Part(ies):** Illinois Housing Development Authority

**Request:** Authorization to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Court Based Rental Assistance for Cook County residents between Cook County and the Illinois Housing Development Authority, a body politic and corporate entity established pursuant to the Illinois Housing Development Act, 20 ILCS 3805/1 et seq., as supplemented and amended.

**Goods or Services:** Administration of Court Based Rental Assistance

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 3/12/2026 - 11/30/2026

**Fiscal Impact:** FY26 - \$5,800,000.00

**Accounts:** 11000.1490.60317.580170

**Summary:** IHDA administers the statewide Court Based Rental Assistance (CBRA) Program which provides emergency rental assistance to tenants and landlords who have pending cases in eviction court. The CBRA Program is a critical resource for CCLAHD eviction clients. The \$42.5M in state CBRA funding is expected to run out two to three months prior to the end of the state fiscal year (6/30/2026).

The City of Chicago periodically releases Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars to itself and affected taxing bodies, and did so for its FY26 budget as approved by the City Council on 12/20/2025. Cook County receives a portion of its funds. In its own Fiscal Year 2026 budget passed on 11/20/2025, Cook County allocated these TIF funds toward critical social services. For funds allocated to Bureau of Economic Development programs, the priority was on keeping residents stable through additional funding for food and housing support as areas particularly affected by major federal policy and funding shifts. The CBRA Program in partnership with IHDA is intended to ensure continued availability of emergency rental assistance in Cook County.

Through the statewide CBRA Program IHDA has the capacity and infrastructure to accept and review applications for court-based rental assistance and process the payments to landlords and tenants. The Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) grants IHDA up to \$5,800,000.00 to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants within Cook County through the CBRA Program. Up to 15% of the funds may be used to administer the CBRA Program within Cook County.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 26-0727. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**26-0761**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, TARA S. STAMPS, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGLEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR. and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AN ARPA VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**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 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**, to effectuate the approach outlined in the ARPA Framework, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to expend a limited amount of ARPA funding via Resolution 21-3657 for the purpose of continuing and expanding existing County programs and initiatives, including any created under CRF, as well as for the purpose of building operational support capacity within County departments and offices to assist with managing the ARPA funded initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for up to \$60M in ARPA funding for Healthy Communities programs approved via Resolution 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal to pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of Vital and Healthy Communities programs and initiatives, including the Capacity-Building Investments in Food Access Sites Program, which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts and agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 provided that any grants issued in regard to ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Chicago Food Depository is an established Cook County local food bank agency, which has extensive experience and expertise in providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-2807 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Greater Chicago Food Depository in an aggregate amount of up to \$2,000,000 to implement the Capacity-Building Investments in Food Access Sites Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 25-4395 amended the Subrecipient Agreement with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase the total funding by \$2,000,000, raising the original approved amount from \$2,000,000 to a revised total of up to \$4,000,000, to continue implementation of the Food Access Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago periodically releases Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars to itself and affected taxing bodies including Cook County, and did so for its FY26 budget as approved by the City Council on December 20, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in its own Fiscal Year 2026 budget passed on November 20, 2025, Cook County allocated these TIF funds toward critical social services. For funds allocated to the Bureau of Economic Development programs, the priority was on keeping residents stable through additional funding for food and housing support as areas particularly affected by major federal policy and funding shifts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Access program in partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository is intended to expand the availability of direct food aid in Suburban Cook County and Chicago; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement amendment by the BED, subject to satisfactory performance of the program by the grantee and subject to appropriation by the Board:

Approve an amendment to the Agreement with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase the total funding by \$10,000,000 in corporate funds (via TIF reallocation) for a revised total of up to \$14,000,000 in ARPA and corporate funds to continue implementation of the Food Access Program, which provides assistance to residents throughout Cook County in meeting their household food needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations based upon need and utilization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funding for the BED TIF Programs shall be subject to availability of funds and appropriation of funding by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 26-0761. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**26-0762**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, TARA S. STAMPS, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR. and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR A VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, through its Department of Planning and Development, has a long-standing partnership with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the “Alliance”) to fund transitional housing facilities, wraparound services and homelessness prevention initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that preserving housing affordability and stability requires flexible strategies, the parties wish to establish a Problem-Solving Fund (PSF) to support direct assistance and staffing to provide creative, flexible and cost-effective solutions to quickly resolve a housing crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the PSF will consist of the following components: Homelessness Prevention resources for persons in danger of losing housing within weeks, including possible conflict mediation services, funds to pay rent or utilities, or a deposit for a new rental home; and Shelter Diversion to help individuals and families seeking emergency shelter identify immediate alternative housing and connect them with social services and funding for transportation, vehicle repairs, etc. to the extent such assistance will help such persons to retain existing housing or obtain new housing; and Rapid Resolution services to identify creative, flexible safe, and cost-effective solutions to quickly resolve a housing crisis via personal networks and safety net services. Such services may provide limited funds for security deposits, application fees, up to three (3) months’ rent, and similar interventions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago periodically releases Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars to itself and affected taxing bodies including Cook County, and did so for its FY26 budget as approved by the City Council on December 20, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in its own Fiscal Year 2026 budget passed on November 20, 2025, Cook County allocated these TIF funds toward critical social services. For funds allocated to Bureau of Economic Development programs, the priority was on keeping residents stable through additional funding for food and housing support as areas particularly affected by major federal policy and funding shifts; and

**WHEREAS**, the PSF in partnership with the Alliance is intended to expand resources for homelessness in suburban Cook County via a "problem solving fund" to help quickly resolve a housing crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of an agreement between the Bureau of Economic Development and the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County using corporate funds from the above TIF resources in the amount of up to \$3,411,300 to ~~be allocated for Homelessness Prevention, Shelter Diversion, and Rapid Resolution services~~ implement the Problem-Solving Fund described above and emergency shelter services as needed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau Chief of BED or its designee to enter into and modify the agreement and funding allocations based upon need and utilization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funding for the BED Programs shall be subject to availability and appropriation of funding by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 26-0762. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)

**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)

**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**26-0763**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, TARA S. STAMPS, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR. and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS**, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385B 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**, to effectuate the approach outlined in the ARPA Framework, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to expend a limited amount of ARPA funding via Resolution 21-3657 for the purpose of continuing and expanding existing County programs and initiatives, including any created under CRF, as well as for the purpose of building operational support capacity within County departments and offices to assist with managing the ARPA funded initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for up to \$100M in ARPA funding for Vital Community programs approved via Resolution 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal to pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of Vital Community programs and initiatives, including the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program, which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts and agreements; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago periodically releases Tax Increment Financing dollars (TIF funds) to itself and affected taxing bodies including Cook County, and did so for its FY26 budget as approved by the City Council on December 20, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, in its own Fiscal Year 2026 budget passed on November 20, 2025, Cook County allocated these TIF funds toward critical social services. For funds allocated to Bureau of Economic Development programs, the priority was to keep residents stable through additional funding for food and housing support as areas particularly affected by major federal policy and funding shifts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hotel Shelter program in partnership with BEDS Plus, Respond Now, Journeys, South Suburban PADS and Housing Forward is intended to expand resources for homelessness in suburban Cook County to help quickly resolve a housing crisis

**WHEREAS**, while ARPA funding is still available within the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program, the Bureau of Economic Development desires to provide funding from the TIF funds to BEDS Plus, Respond Now, Journeys, South Suburban PADS and Housing Forward to support their continuation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement amendments by the BED, subject to satisfactory performance of the program by the respective subrecipients and subject to annual appropriation by the Board:

1. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency BEDS Plus to increase the total funding by \$ 465,600 in TIF funds from the current approved amount of \$2,880,750 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$ 3,346,350 to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.
2. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency Respond Now to increase the total funding by \$ 42,600 in TIF funds, from the current approved amount of \$1,058,000 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$ 1,100,600 to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.
3. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency Journeys to increase the total funding by \$67,500 in TIF funds, from the current approved amount of \$1,786,250 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$1,853,750, to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.
4. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency South Suburban Pads to increase the total funding by \$63,000 in TIF funds, from the current approved amount of \$ 667,532 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$730,532 to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.
5. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency Housing Forward to increase the total funding by \$50,000 in TIF funds, from the current approved amount of \$250,000 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$300,000 to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program and repair and mitigate flood damage recently affecting its 24-Hour Emergency Shelter location. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations based upon need and utilization.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funding for the above programs shall be subject to availability of funds from the United States Government and appropriation of funding by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 26-0763. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)  
**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)  
**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Lowry, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (15)  
**Absent:** Commissioner: Aguilar (1)  
**Excused Absence:** Commissioner K. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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

**FINANCE MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2026**

**TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO PRESENT: \$60,054.65**  
**SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED: \$138,134.22**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO PRESENT: \$12,266,300.11**  
**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED: \$12,336,639.89**