



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Business and Economic Development Committee**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Virtual meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1) Excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

1. Gina Speckman -Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau
2. Alice Brandon - Forest Preserves of Cook County
3. Patrick Combs, President, Visit Oak Park
4. Eric Wagner, President, Visit Oak Park

[22-3254](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 04/05/2022

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 22-3254. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2568](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Benziger LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Benziger LLC

**Address:** 700 Touhy Ave., Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Elk Grove

**Cook County District:** 15th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 08-27-303-076-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Elk Grove Resolution Number 62-19

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** Eight (8) months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing, and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that

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justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-2568. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2569](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Martin Lane Group, Inc. 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real

Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Martin Lane Group, Inc

**Address:** 200 Martin Lane, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Elk Grove

**Cook County District:** 15th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 08-22-102-224-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Elk Grove Resolution Number 77-19

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 14 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - assembly, warehousing, and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-2569. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2570](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Harvey Real Estate Inc. CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Harvey Real Estate Inc.

**Address:** 15325 Dixie Highway, Harvey, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** City of Harvey

**Cook County District:** 5th District

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**Permanent Index Number:** 29-18-111-024-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** City of Harvey, Resolution Number 2866

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** One week vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Commercial use - Gas Station, minimart

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-2570. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2571](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Actuation Group Inc. CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Actuation Group Inc.

**Address:** 16660 S. Canal Street, South Holland, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of South Holland

**Cook County District:** 6th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 29-21-317-019-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of South Holland approved August 3, 2020

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** Number of months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial Use - manufacturing and distribution

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**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-2571. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2632](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Old Orchard Urban Limited Partnership 7b PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 7b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Old Orchard Urban Limited Partnership

**Address:** 4847 Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Niles

**Cook County District:** 13th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 10-09-411-074-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Skokie, Resolution No. 21-12-R-1517

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** More than 24 months

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Commercial use - retail

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** N/A Commercial use

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 7b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the

municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 7b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of more than 24 months, no purchase for value and substantial rehabilitation, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 7b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the municipality states the Class 7b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the five eligibility requirements set forth by the Class 7a assessment status; and

**WHEREAS,** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 7b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 7b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 7b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-2632. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2667](#)

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

**PROPOSED HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Hanover Landing LLC, Lincolnwood, IL

**Request:** Respectfully request the Board approve a \$1,500,000, 32-year construction and permanent loan with 0% interest and an annual \$5,000 payment to support the new construction of Hanover Landing, an affordable permanent supportive housing development in Elgin, IL

**Total Development Cost:** \$16,030,794.0

**Project Loan Amount:** \$1,500,000.00

**Fiscal Impact:** \$1,500,000.00

**Account(s):** 11900.1013.53956.580170.

**Summary:** The new three-story building will have forty 535 SF one-bedroom units, with one unit reserved for the onsite manager. The common areas of the building will be fully accessible, all units will be visitable, and six units will be fully accessible, four units will be adaptable and two sensory impaired units will complete the twelve-unit accessible unit mix.

The development will be located at 711 East Chicago Street and 712 East Laurel Street, in Elgin, Illinois, encompassing approximately 3.87 acres. The proposed building will have entrances on both Chicago and Laurel to facilitate public entrance and resident entry tied closely to the management office.

Currently, there is a two-story, 1,778-square-foot, single-family residential structure, and associated garage, both scheduled for demolition under the subject development. The remainder of the subject property consists primarily of a gravel parking area, lightly forested areas, and pine tree nurseries. The back half of the land will remain undisturbed as the land slopes to be inside the 100-year flood plain. Both a Phase I and Phase II have been completed, examining the property for concerns, yielding no further remediation recommendations.

The new development will have landscaping all around with walking paths connecting the building to the rest of the grounds, including picnic and gardens area approaching the rear of the property. 60 parking spaces will be designed along Chicago Avenue, with coordinated accessible parking and entry.

UP HOLDINGS will serve as developer and property manager, delivering management through its Property Management affiliate UPA, LLC of Lincolnwood. UP Holdings LLC owns eight Illinois LIHTC developments totaling 337 units and averaging 34 units. They currently have four LIHTC projects under construction in both the Chicago metro area and outstate Illinois.

UPA, LLC, the property management affiliate currently has 1,355 units under management in developments primarily centered in Illinois, with properties in Indiana, California and one development in

Ohio.

**Ownership Structure**

Owner/Borrower: Hanover Landing LLC

General Partner: UP Holdings or a 100% owned subsidiary

Non-Profit Sponsor Housing Opportunity Development Corporation (HODC)

Limited Partner CREA, NYC (CREA) 99.99% Ownership

Managing Member: UP HOLDINGS is 100% managing member for operations and decision making.

Property Management: UPA, LLC (property management affiliate of borrower)

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-2667. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2807](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ARPA VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES 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 \$1,000,372,385B 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 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreements by the BED to utilize ARPA funding for the BED programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into Subrecipient Agreements with the **Chicago Bar Foundation** in an amount up to \$3,482,600 and the **Illinois Housing Development Authority** in an amount up to \$1,163,600 to implement the **Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program**, to help Cook County residents resolve eviction, foreclosure, consumer debt, and tax deed issues prior to court and during the court process.
2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership** to implement the **Investing in Families and Youth Program** in an amount up to **\$5,000,000**, to provide support to workforce and training programs that offer young adults quality paid work experiences to explore career pathways in target sectors, provide resources to additional target populations, and develop a series of hiring events focused on suburban Cook County. Under the Program, the County will also support the expansion of workforce development programs that serve hard-to-engage populations including people without stable housing, youth in care and graduates of foster care system, people with disabilities, returning residents, and pregnant and parenting youth. Program resources will support residents of suburban Cook County.
3. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Cook County Forest Preserves** to implement the **Community Conservation Corps** in an amount up to **\$1,292,000**. Under this program, the Forest Preserves will implement a year-round initiative that engages a diverse range of people with different needs for employment and training. Participants receive relevant technical skills and training. The Corps has three main types of programming: summer high school programs, full-time seasonal adult programs, and a full-time year around adult program. Each program

has different timelines and training requirements based upon the needs of program participants including their age and educational attainment, among many other factors.

4. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (NSCVB)** to implement the **Suburban Cook County Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Economic Recovery Initiative** in an amount up to **\$5,000,000**. Under this initiative, the NSCVB will manage and coordinate the five suburban Convention and Tourism Bureaus, designated by the State of Illinois, to develop and implement a strategic action plan to support the recovery of the travel, hospitality and tourism sectors, that have been severely impacted by COVID-19.
5. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Southland Development Authority (SDA)** to implement the **Building Capacity in the Southland Program** in the amount of **\$780,000** to help small businesses recover from the interruption of business operations and the negative effects of COVID-19. This Program will help businesses and entrepreneurs in approximately 40 suburbs in southern Cook County, Illinois survive the COVID pandemic crisis, maintain and/or re-open operations safely, and identify opportunities for resiliency and growth. The SDA drives comprehensive, transformative and inclusive economic growth in Cook County's South Suburbs.
6. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Women's Business Development Center** to develop Cook County's Small **Business Agenda**, which includes the **Small Business Assistance Program** in an amount up to **\$6,050,000**. Launched in 2020 in response to the challenges small businesses faced in the wake of COVID-19, the Small Business Assistance Program will continue to support a coordinated network of business service organizations that provide one-on-one business advising, webinars and outreach activities for small businesses with less than 20 employees. The program will also include the development of a Cook County "one-stop shop" for businesses, development of parameters and guidelines for the forthcoming Small Business Grant Program(s), development of inclusive procurement strategies and other activities to assist businesses to continue to recover from COVID.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to negotiate and enter into the various agreements that outlines the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the agencies listed above to implement the above programs.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to accept as substituted 22-2807. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

[22-2807](#)

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

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 22-2807  
(Business and Economic Development Committee 5/11/2022)**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ARPA VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES 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 \$1,000,372,385B 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 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreements by the BED to utilize ARPA funding for a maximum term through November 30, 2026, subject to satisfactory performance of the BED programs by the respective subrecipients and subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the BED programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Chicago Bar Foundation** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$13,929,400** and the **Illinois Housing Development Authority** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$4,654,400** to implement the **Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program**, a program to help Cook County residents resolve eviction, foreclosure, consumer debt, and tax deed issues prior to court and during the court process.
  
2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership** to implement the **Investing in Families and Youth Program** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$15,000,000**, to provide support to workforce and training programs that include a summer youth jobs program, sector based paid work experiences for adults, and job search and training resources to assist formerly incarcerated individuals and people with disabilities. In addition, The Partnership will develop a series of hiring events focused on suburban Cook County. Program resources will primarily support residents of suburban Cook County.
  
3. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Cook County Forest Preserves** to implement the **Community Conservation Corps** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$3,875,000**. Beginning in the summer of 2022 the Forest Preserves will engage targeted youth and adults from Cook County in meaningful hands-on job training, through a five-week summer program. Participants receive hands-on job training, attend networking events, and earn valuable certifications while improving Cook County Forest Preserves. In subsequent years, program will feature an expanded career pathways focus

and new partners.

4. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Greater Chicago Food Depository** to implement the **Capacity-Building Investments in Food Access Sites Program** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$2,000,000** to make strategic investments in existing and new food bank and food pantry partners to increase their capacity, reach, and impact, particularly in low-income and minority communities where COVID-19 has exacerbated food insecurity. The Program aims to increase access to nutritious food and improve the number and quality of food access and distribution sites across suburban Cook County by supporting partner operations and site upgrades, including food procurement, transport and cold storage. Through this program, the County has a unique opportunity to build a better, stronger, more resilient emergency food system.
  
5. Enter into Subrecipient Agreements with shelter agencies **BEDS Plus** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,150,000**, **Connections for the Homeless** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,875,000**, **Housing Forward** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$2,300,000**, and **South Suburban PADS** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,025,000** to implement 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. People experiencing homelessness are at greater risk for serious COVID-19 infection. This program aims to shorten the experience of homelessness and improve long-term health outcomes of participants, with a goal of decreasing the need for hotel-based sheltering as the homeless transition to new fixed-site shelters or other shelter options are established.
  
6. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (NSCVB)** to implement the **Suburban Cook County Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Initiative** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$10,000,000**. Under this initiative, the NSCVB will manage and coordinate the five suburban Convention and Tourism Bureaus, designated by the State of Illinois, to develop and implement a strategic action plan to support the recovery of the travel, hospitality, and tourism sectors, that have been severely impacted by COVID-19.
  
7. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Southland Development Authority (SDA)** to implement the **Building Capacity in the Southland Program** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$2,000,000** to

provide business advising services through an extensive network of mentors and industry specialists. Assistance includes from short-term technical support to long-term partnerships to develop and implement sustainable business growth plans and secure financing. This Program is available to businesses and entrepreneurs in approximately 40 suburbs in southern Cook County, The SDA drives comprehensive, transformative and inclusive economic growth in Cook County's South Suburbs.

8. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Women's Business Development Center** to develop and implement Cook County's Small **Business Agenda**, which includes the **Cook County Small Business Source** (formerly the Small Business Assistance Program) in an aggregate amount of up to **\$15,700,000**. Launched in 2020 in response to the challenges small businesses faced in the wake of COVID-19, the Cook County Small Business Source will continue to support a coordinated network of business service organizations that provide one-on-one business advising, webinars and outreach activities for small businesses with less than 20 employees. The program will also include the development of a Cook County "one-stop shop" for businesses, development of parameters and guidelines for the forthcoming Small Business Grant Program(s), development of inclusive procurement strategies and other activities to assist businesses to continue to recover from COVID.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to negotiate and enter into the various agreements that outlines the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the agencies listed above to implement the above programs.

**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 BED ARPA 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 Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval as substituted 22-2807. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

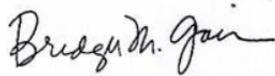
**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (8)

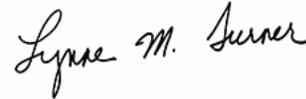
**Absent:** Deer (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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