



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

10:30 AM

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)

Absent Britton (1)

Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Dr. Sandy A. Norman- Chicago, IL.
2. George Blakemore- Chicago, IL.

26-1265

Presented by: DEANNA ZALAS, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Director, Department of Risk Management

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Risk Management

Vendor: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, A Division of Health Care Service Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Employer Sponsored Dental Benefits

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$41,612,000.00

Contract period: 12/1/2026 - 11/30/2029 with two (2), two (2) year renewal options

Contract Utilization: The vendor has met the Minority - and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct participation; and indirect participation.

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2027 \$13,870,666.67, FY 2028 \$13,870,666.67, FY 2029 \$13,870,666.66

Accounts: 11250.1021.10155.501640.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): 2523-02062

Summary: This contract will allow the Department of Risk Management to receive services for the administration of employer sponsored dental benefits. Cook County currently offers both a DHMO and DPPO dental plan options for all eligible employees. The plan design, including applicable co-pays and out-of-pocket maximums, is negotiated through the collective bargaining process. Employees do not contribute through payroll to the cost of the plans. The Director of Risk Management is authorized to execute Benefit Program Applications to support the selected DHMO and DPPO Plans.

This contract is awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for approval 26-1265. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)
Absent	Britton (1)
Excused Absence:	Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

26-1196

Presented by: THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Cook County Sheriff's Office

Vendor: CBM Premier-Summit Food Service Joint Venture, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Food Service Management System

Original Contract Period: 7/29/2022 - 7/28/2025, with three (3), one (1) year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Renewal and Increase

Proposed Contract Period: Renewal period 7/29/2026 - 7/28/2027

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$56,333,742.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): Board approval, 7/28/2022, \$42,733,742.00

Increase Requested: \$17,000,000.00

Previous Board Increase(s): 5/15/2025, \$13,600,000.00

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

Previous Board Renewals: 5/15/2025, 7/29/2025-7/28/2026

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals: N/A

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

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

Contract Utilization: The vendor has met the Minority - and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct participation.

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2026 \$5,666,667.00 and FY 2027 \$11,333,333.00

Accounts: 11100.1239.16875.520210.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): 2106-07211

Summary: The Cook County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase the contract with CBM Premier-Summit Food Service Joint Venture to allow the continuation of purchasing meals for individuals in custody.

The contract was awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposal (RFP) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. CBM Premier-Summit Food Service Joint Venture was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for approval 26-1196. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)

Absent Britton (1)

Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

26-0722

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FOR THE SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF GUN VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC), as an office under the Cook County Board President, works to promote equitable, human-centered, community-driven justice system innovation and practice through rigorous stakeholder engagement, policy work, service coordination, and grantmaking that increases community safety and reduces reliance on incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the JAC supports Cook County's commitment to advancing equity throughout Cook County by administering grants that invest in programs and strategies to improve community safety in areas of violence prevention and reentry; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Ordinance Sec. 2-527 establishes the JAC's authority to administer violence prevention, intervention and reduction grants in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, building on historic levels of investment in community-based organizations, JAC grant initiatives will sustain key services beyond American Rescue Plan Act funding, supporting organizations that help those closest to the gun violence epidemic access critical programs and services that contribute to increased community safety throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, gun violence dramatically affects the physical, cognitive, mental, emotional well-being and development of those exposed to it: direct survivors of gun violence and the communities impacted by incidences of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, direct and indirect survivors are at greater risk of perpetrating violence, experiencing further victimization or exposure to violence; and

WHEREAS, our communities are less safe when individuals at risk of perpetrating or being impacted by gun violence cannot access critical services, essential to safety and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Community Violence Intervention (CC-CVI) and Cook County Wraparound Services for Survivors of Gun Violence (CC-SGV) have been developed as complementary grant initiatives designed to improve community safety in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the CC-SGV grant initiative is designed to address the gaps in services for victims and survivors of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, this initiative has three priorities: (1) improving access, (2) expanding existing services, and (3) coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, organizations will be funded to provide services in at least two (2) of the following categories:

- Clinical Services: clinical case management, crisis intervention and management, mental health support, family-based services and therapy, substance use disorder assistance
- Financial Services: victim compensation, medical cost assistance, and financial support for: rent, clothing, grocery bills, funeral/burial costs, and support in applying for public assistance
- Programming: youth-specific programming, long-term support (ex. more than 1-year post violence), mentorship programs, survivor workshops, services for indirect victims, conflict resolution classes, unarmed social workers at the crime scene, funeral arrangements and planning
- Housing Services: relocation services, temporary housing, expungement support; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the unique conditions and need for services for survivors of gun violence in suburban communities in Cook County, the JAC conducted a series of listening sessions in four suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, leveraging community feedback, the JAC developed the 2026 Suburban CC-SGV funding opportunity, that supports community organizations serving suburban residents; and

WHEREAS, the Suburban CC-SGV funding opportunity included two funding track options for applicants featuring different award amounts and different operating budget thresholds; and

WHEREAS, funding for the two tracks were separated into different set numbers of awards so that applicants in the two different tracks would not be competing with one another; and

WHEREAS, eight total awards were available for Track 1, a \$500,000.00 award for those organizations with a minimum annual operating budget of \$250,000.00 for the previous two years; and

WHEREAS, ten total awards were available for Track 2, a \$100,000.00 award for organizations with a minimum annual operating budget of \$50,000.00 for the previous two years; and

WHEREAS, \$10 million was identified for the Wraparound Services for Survivors of Gun Violence initiative; and

WHEREAS, resolution 25-0705 authorized \$5 Million for CC-SGV awards from the FY2025 Equity Fund to organizations serving the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks to approve \$4,100,000.00 from the FY2026 general fund for the Suburban CC-SGV grant opportunity; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Justice Advisory Council to issue 2-year agreements in amounts up to \$500,000.00 with the following organizations:

1. GRO Community
2. James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
3. Live Free Chicago
4. OAI, Inc.
5. Roseland Ceasefire Project, Inc
6. UCAN
7. You Matter 2 Inc.
8. YWCA Evanston/North Shore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the Justice Advisory Council to issue a 2-year agreement in an amount up to \$100,000.00 with the following organization:

1. Proactive Community Services

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for approval 26-0722. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)

Absent Britton (1)

Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

26-0723

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

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WHEREAS, the JAC supports Cook County's commitment to advancing equity throughout Cook County by administering grants that invest in programs and strategies to improve community safety in areas of violence prevention and reentry; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Ordinance Sec. 2-527 establishes the JAC's authority to administer violence prevention, intervention and reduction grants in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, building on historic levels of investment in community-based organizations, JAC grant initiatives will sustain key services beyond American Rescue Plan Act funding, supporting organizations that help those closest to the gun violence epidemic can access critical programs and services that contribute to increased community safety throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, gun violence dramatically affects the physical, cognitive, mental, emotional well-being and development of those exposed to it: direct survivors of gun violence and the communities impacted by incidences of gun violence; and

WHEREAS direct and indirect survivors are at greater risk of perpetrating violence, experiencing further victimization or exposure to violence; and

WHEREAS our communities are less safe when individuals at risk of perpetrating or being impacted by gun violence cannot access critical services, essential to safety and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Community Violence Intervention (CC-CVI) and Cook County Wraparound Services for Survivors of Gun Violence (CC-SGV) have been developed as complementary grant initiatives designed to improve community safety in Cook County; and

WHEREAS the CC-SGV grant initiative will address the gap in services for victims and survivors of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, this initiative has three priorities: (1) improving access, (2) expanding existing services, and (3) coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, organizations will be funded to provide services in at least two (2) of the following categories:

- Clinical Services: clinical case management, crisis intervention and management, mental health support, family-based services and therapy, substance use disorder assistance
- Financial Services: victim compensation, medical cost assistance, and financial support for: rent, clothing, grocery bills, funeral/burial costs, and support in applying for public assistance
- Programming: youth-specific programming, long-term support (ex. more than 1-year post violence), mentorship programs, survivor workshops, services for indirect victims, conflict resolution classes, unarmed social workers at the crime scene, funeral arrangements and planning
- Housing Services: relocation services, temporary housing, expungement support; and

WHEREAS, \$10 million has been identified for the Wraparound Services for Survivors of Gun Violence initiative; and

WHEREAS, resolution 25-0705 authorized \$5 million for the CC-SGV awards from the FY2025 Equity Fund to organizations serving the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks to approve \$962,977.96 for four CC-SGV awards from FY2026 general funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Justice Advisory Council to issue 1-year agreements with the following organizations:

1. Chicago Survivors in an aggregate amount up to \$250,000.00
2. Options for Youth in an aggregate amount up to \$249,896.03
3. SGA Youth & Family Services, NFP in an aggregate amount up to \$250,000.00
4. TASC, Inc. in an aggregate amount up to \$213,081.93

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for approval 26-0723. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)

Absent Britton (1)

Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

26-1562

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

REPORT

Department: Bureau of Economic Development

Report Title: Stout's Independent Evaluation of Cook County's Early Resolution Program

Report Period: January 2022-April 2026

Summary: Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt (CCLAHD) is a groundbreaking program that has assisted more than 125,000 Cook County residents with eviction, foreclosure, and consumer debt cases since January 2022. Developed at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, CCLAHD is an innovative and nationally recognized partnership between the County, the Circuit Court of Cook County, The Chicago Bar Foundation, the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the City of Chicago, and many other government, legal, and community partners.

A new, independent evaluation report by global advisory firm Stout will provide an in-depth assessment of the CCLAHD Early Resolution Program (ERP) for eviction and consumer debt. The report will demonstrate the impact CCLAHD has on making the court process fairer and more accessible for unrepresented residents and helping prevent disruptive displacements. It will also highlight ERP's cost-effectiveness and return-on-investment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for receiving and filing 26-1562. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)

Absent Britton (1)

Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

26-1732

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE COOK COUNTY 2025 STORMS RESIDENT RELIEF PROJECT

WHEREAS, from July 25, 2025 through July 28, 2025, Cook County experienced severe weather characterized by multiple days of significant rainfall and thunderstorms, resulting in flash flooding and widespread residential damage across portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, the July 2025 storm event included a concentrated area within the City of Chicago and suburban communities surrounding Midway Airport that experienced an overwhelming amount of rainfall within a short period of time, resulting in significant flooding and property damage; and

WHEREAS, data collected through Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) self-reported damage assessments and Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA) canvassing efforts identified approximately 3,527 reported instances of storm-related damage associated with the July 2025 flooding event; and

WHEREAS, from August 16, 2025 through August 19, 2025, Cook County experienced a multi-day severe weather event consisting of repeated rounds of thunderstorms and very heavy rainfall, resulting in widespread flash flooding across Cook County and northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the August 2025 storm event produced approximately seventeen hours of sustained rainfall, with localized areas receiving between four and six inches of rain, contributing to significant residential flooding and infrastructure impacts; and

WHEREAS, data collected through IEMA self-reported damage assessments and JPDA canvassing efforts identified approximately 6,325 reported instances of storm-related damage, including more than 5,100 reports of major damage; and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents impacted by these severe weather events have experienced significant financial hardship due to residential flooding, property damage, displacement and related recovery costs; and

WHEREAS, many impacted residents include low- and moderate-income households, seniors and persons with disabilities who are disproportionately affected by disaster-related financial shocks and have limited access to recovery resources; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security coordinated closely with the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications, IEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration to pursue a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration that would allow for FEMA Individual Assistance; and

WHEREAS, historically, this level of documented damage would result in a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration but for these storms the requests and appeals were denied; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes the need to provide assistance to residents experiencing verified storm-related damage in order to support recovery and stabilization; and

WHEREAS, Cook County desires to establish the Cook County 2025 Storm Resident Relief Project (“Project”) to provide one-time financial assistance to eligible residents impacted by the July and August 2025 storm events; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to utilize a third-party project administrator, AidKit, to support application intake, eligibility verification, fraud prevention, applicant support, communications and payment distribution for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will leverage documented disaster impacts, including IEMA and JPDA assessments, additional damage documentation, and residency and income verification criteria to ensure equitable and targeted distribution of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security to implement the Cook County 2025 Storm Resident Relief Project as described below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department is authorized to enter into an agreement with AidKit to administer the Project pursuant to Proposed Contract Item with AidKit, including application intake, eligibility verification, applicant support, communications, and distribution of \$2,000 per household of financial assistance guided by following the criteria:

- Applicant household income is at or below 100% of the Area Median Income for the applicant's household size, and
- Applicant household has documented and verifiable damage as a result of the storms on July 25 -28, 2025 or August 16-19, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total amount of funding to be distributed to impacted Cook County households is \$15,000,000.00 (with \$7,500,000.00 allocated to City of Chicago residents and \$7,500,000.00 allocated to suburban Cook County residents) and the estimated administrative costs per the contract are \$1.3 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes all necessary actions to implement and administer this Project consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for approval 26-1732. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)

Absent Britton (1)

Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

26-1733

Presented by: ALEXANDER JOVES, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

Vendor: AidKit Inc., Denver, Colorado

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Project Administrator —~~Cook County 2025 Storms~~ For 2025 Resident Relief Project

Contract Value: ~~\$16,311,000.00~~ \$16,535,000.00

Contract period: ~~07/01/2026-09/30/2027~~ 08/01/2026-10/31/2027

Contract Utilization: The contract-specific goal set on this contract was zero.

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2026 \$15,000,000.00, FY 2027 ~~\$1,311,000.00~~
\$1,535,000.00

Accounts: 11292.1265.10155.580170.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): ~~TBD~~ 2623-06100

Summary: The Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute a ~~sole source~~ contract with AidKit, Inc., to serve as the Project Administrator for the Cook County 2025 Storm Resident Relief Project.

The program is designed to provide one-time financial assistance to residents who experienced verified damage from the severe storms and flooding that affected Cook County in July and August 2025. The County has allocated \$15 million for direct resident assistance and administration costs for project administration.

The County's damage assessments documented more than 8,500 instances of storm-related damage across both events. Many residents, including low- and moderate-income households, seniors and individuals with disabilities, experienced significant financial hardship. Because the County's request and appeal for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance were denied, local relief is required to support recovery.

Eligible residents will be able to apply for a one-time \$2,000 assistance payment. AidKit, Inc. has been identified to administer the project due to the Department's need for specialized capacity to manage application intake, eligibility verification, fraud prevention, applicant support, communications and payment distribution. AidKit will build and manage the application platform, provide multilingual applicant support, implement verification workflows and issue payments through secure methods.

This ~~procurement~~ is a Sole Source Procurement pursuant to Section 34-139 of the Cook County Procurement Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to accept as amended 26-1733. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)
Absent Britton (1)
Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for approval as amended 26-1733. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)
Absent Britton (1)
Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye Daley, Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita,
K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor, and Vásquez (14)
Absent Britton (1)
Excused Absence: Gainer, and S. Morrison (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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