



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024, 10:00 AM**

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**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE****SURVIVING SPOUSE TAX ABATEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed the Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement Ordinance which can be found in Section 74-47 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement permitted the application to the Cook County Board of Review ("Board of Review") for the abatement or rebate of Cook County's portion of property taxes levied on a qualified property for surviving spouses of a fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-178; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 74-47 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, the Board of Review developed an application process in which surviving spouses of a of a fallen police officer, soldier or rescue worker in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-178 could request an abatement or rebate of Cook County's portion of property taxes levied on a qualified property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Review has received applications for property tax abatements or rebates in accordance with Section 74-47 and has reviewed said applications for a surviving spouse tax abatement as set forth in Exhibit A and has determined the following:

- (1) The Board of Review finds that each of the decedents qualifies as a fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker who died as a result of or in the course of employment as a police officer; while in the active service of a fire, rescue, or emergency medical service; or while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Services, including the National Guard, serving in Iraq or Afghanistan;
- (2) The Board of Review finds that each applicant qualifies as a surviving spouse, as each is a spouse, who has not remarried, of a fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker;
- (3) The Board of Review finds that each subject property satisfies the requirement of qualified property in that each is used as the principal residence of a surviving spouse and was owned by the fallen police officer, soldier, or rescue worker or surviving spouse at the time of the police officer's, soldier's, or rescue worker's death; was acquired by the surviving spouse within 2 years after the police officer's, soldier's, or rescue worker's death if the surviving

spouse was domiciled.

**WHEREAS**,the above findings demonstrate each applicant satisfies Section 74-47 of the Cook County Code and the Board of Review recommends the abatement or rebate of 100% of Cook County’s portion of property taxes levied against the residential properties in the approximate dollar amounts set forth in Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**,pursuant to Section 74-47(c)(1), the Board of Review also recommends the abatement period shall start from the earliest date permitted under the ordinance, i.e. July 9, 2012, or the decedent’s date of death, whichever is later, and continue so long as the applicant continues to satisfy the requirements of Section 74-47.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**,the Cook County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the recommendations of the Board of Review and orders the abatement or rebate of 100% of Cook County’s portion of property taxes levied against the residential properties in the approximate dollar amounts for the time periods addressed and set forth in Exhibit A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**,the County Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this ordinance approving the surviving spouse tax abatements/rebates as provided in Exhibit A to all applicable Cook County tax officials in order to process the approved surviving spouse tax abatements/rebates.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**,that should the applicable Cook County tax officials determine that a portion of the abatements cannot be made due to the closure of a tax year, the applicable Cook County tax officials shall notify the County’s Chief Financial Officer of the portion of the funds that cannot be refunded through abatement and the Chief Financial Officer and County Comptroller shall be authorized to identify an appropriate funding source and rebate any outstanding amount as authorized under this Ordinance.

**Effective date:**This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

[24-3149](#)

**Sponsored by:** TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING A LUPUS DISEASE PUBLIC HEARING**

**WHERAS**, in 1851 Lupus was defined as an autoimmune disease. Documented research leads to the advancement of the understanding and diagnosis of lupus as an autoimmune disease, and;

**WHERAS**, there is no known cause of lupus and no single test to diagnose the disease, and;

**WHERAS**, there are 1.5 million people in the United States living with lupus, and;

**WHEREAS**, the history of lupus, although dating back at least to the Middle Ages, has experienced an explosion in this century, especially during the modern era over the past 60 years, and;

**WHEREAS**, women ages 15 to 44 of certain racial or ethnic groups including people who are African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, or Pacific Islander People who have a family member with lupus or another autoimmune disease are gravely impacted, and;

**WHEREAS**, African-American women are three times more likely to get lupus than White women. African-American and Hispanic women usually get lupus at a younger age and have more severe symptoms, including kidney problems, than women of other groups. African-American women with lupus also have more problems with seizures, strokes, and dangerous swelling of the heart.

**WHEREAS**, it is believed that 10-15 percent of people with lupus will die prematurely due to complications of lupus, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that there 16,000 new cases per year, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Lupus Foundation of American identified 20 investigational drugs in various phases of research to determine their effectiveness in people with lupus, and;

**WHEREAS**, nearly 20 percent of people with lupus will have a parent or sibling who already has lupus or may develop lupus, and;

**WHEREAS**, about 5 percent of the children born to individuals with lupus will develop the illness, and;

**WHEREAS**, lupus is a disease that strikes predominantly young women in the reproductive years which makes pregnancy both a practical and a research issue, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this resolution be referred to the Health and Hospitals Committee for further discussion on research, statistics, funding opportunities, county-wide awareness, advocacy, medical trials, treatment options, manage care, and other means to reduce the mortality rate of lupus, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a request for and a public hearing with the Health and Hospitals Committee with healthcare professionals, doctors, scientists, health educators, experts from both Cook County Health and Cook County and Illinois Department of Public Health, local lupus awareness organizations, advocates and those living with lupus to work together to present future legislation.

[24-2964](#)

**Presented by:** TANYA S. ANTHONY, Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Finance

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance

**Report Title:** Cook County Covid 19 Financial Response Report May Board 2024

**Report Period:** March 1, 2020 - April 12, 2024

**Summary:** This report serves as an update on Cook County's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), FEMA PA and ERA fund use for COVID-19 efforts. It covers activity for the period from March 1, 2020, through April 12, 2024. This report includes updates on the County's FEMA PA, Emergency Rental Assistance and American Rescue Plan Act grant allocations.

We are proud of the work done by our office to distribute hundreds of millions of dollars for the many pandemic-related needs of Cook County in an efficient, effective and equitable manner. We are encouraged by the progress made toward the careful management of coronavirus relief distribution.

[24-2115](#)

**Presented by:** KANAKO ISHIDA, Budget Director

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Budget and Management Services

**Vendor:** Crowe LLP Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Countywide Grants Management Infrastructure Re-Engineering Consulting Services

**Contract Value:** \$899,394.00

**Contract period:** 6/1/2024-5/31/2027 with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2024 \$299,798.00, FY 2025 \$599,596.00

**Accounts:** 11286.1014.60162.520830.0000.0000

**Contract Number(s):** 2314-04030

**Concurrences:**

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

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** Department of Budget and Management Services requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute a contract with Crowe LLP. Crowe LLP will provide consulting services to support the redesign of the grants management infrastructure of Cook County to promote maximum grant fund recovery and compliance with federal and state regulations.

This contract is awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Crowe LLP was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

[24-2737](#)

**Presented by:** ERIK MIKAITIS, M.D., Interim Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Cook County Health

**Grantee:** Cook County Health

**Grantor:** Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Request:** Authorization to increase appropriation for FY24.

**Purpose:** Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities Initiative

**Supplemental Grant Amount:** \$901,430.72

**Grant Period:** 8/31/2023 - 8/30/2024

**Extension Period:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** 11/21/2023

**Previous Grant Amount:** \$3,000,000.00

**Concurrences:**

Department of Budget and Management Services has reviewed all requisite documents and determined

the fiscal impact of such grant or financial award on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** \$3,000,000.00 is the original award, there is \$3,328,332.72 in carryover funds through expanded authority. There is \$5,426,902.00 appropriated in FY24. This request is to increase the appropriation for Program 54270 by \$901,430.72, for a total of \$6,328,332.72.

[24-2914](#)

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

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **PROPOSAL FOR ARPA PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FUNDING - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PSH**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved \$1,000,000 of HOME Investment Partnership Program funding to Arlington Heights PSH, LLC via Item 22-1051; and

**WHEREAS,** the approved funding was for the development of Arlington Heights PSH (“the Project”), a 25-unit, affordable, permanent supportive housing located in Arlington Heights, IL. The Project sponsor, location, use of funds, and general Project design remain unchanged; and

**WHEREAS,** inflationary pressure on construction costs and modest improvements required for zoning and permit approval have increased total development costs by \$3,727,703 to \$15,379,887; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and

agreements for ARPA programs approved via Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goals, the Bureau of Economic Development has developed a menu of programs to support economic recovery, inclusive of the development of affordable and supportive housing in the post COVID era, 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 loan agreements; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development was designated the lead for ARPA Initiative NT095: Permanent Supportive Housing Development (Account: 11286.1027.65937.580171.00000.00000), a \$10,000,000.00 initiative geared toward providing development subsidies in the form of a subordinate mortgage to offset the increased development costs due to inflationary pressures, increased labor and material costs, supply line shortages in support of continued housing development for residents requiring supportive services in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Full Circle Communities, Inc. (through its wholly owned single-purpose entity, Arlington Heights PSH, LLC) proposed the development of a 25-unit affordable housing and permanent supportive housing (PSH) development at 1519 S. Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights, a suburb in northwestern Cook County to be known as Arlington Heights PSH. The Project will be a mix of one- and two-bedroom units targeting individuals and small families with disabilities, youth aging out of DCFS-funded care, and veteran earning 30% to 50% of the Area Median Income; and

**WHEREAS**, Full Circle Communities, an affordable housing developer and manager with a portfolio of approximately 1,100 units will serve as an experienced owner and property manager. Further, Full Circle Communities will provide on-site management and case management that will coordinate a wide variety of supportive services to provide tenant support aimed at maintaining resident independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project approved for HOME Investment Partnership Program funding via Item 22-1051 is a permanent supportive housing development eligible for funding under ARPA Initiative NT095: Permanent Supportive Housing Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed developer, Full Circle Communities, Inc. (through its wholly owned single-purpose entity, Arlington Heights PSH, LLC), has requested an increase in funding to \$2,500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act - Permanent Supportive Housing (ARPA-PSH) funding, with a construction and thirty-year permanent loan term, 0% permanent loan rate with principal payable from surplus cash.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the loan of ARPA funds for the development and authorizes the Director of Planning and Development to enter into loan and security agreements with Housing Opportunity Development Corporation.



