



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

9:30 AM

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

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23-4849

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/19/2023.

COURT ORDERS

23-4302

REPORT

Department: Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

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

Report Period: July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023

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.

SPECIAL COURT CASES

23-4708

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of Cook County, et al.
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145
Date of This Order: 06/27/2023
Unopposed Petition Number: 37
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$7,076.11
Paid to Date: \$1,136,247.25

23-4709

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of Cook County, et al.
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145
Date of This Order: 07/06/2023
Unopposed Petition Number: 28-2
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$11,433.06
Paid to Date: \$1,136,247.25

23-4712

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of Cook County, et al.
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145
Date of This Order: 07/06/2023
Unopposed Petition Number: 25-2
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$8,761.90
Paid to Date: \$1,136,247.25

23-4686

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 97 CR 20768-04
Date of This Order: 08/21/2023
Time period: 07/10/2023 - 07/31/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,443.75
Paid to Date: \$9,238.75
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4687

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 96 CR 25384-01
Date of This Order: 08/21/2023 Time period: 06/28/2023 - 08/20/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$101,692.90
Paid to Date: \$321,429.45
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4688

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 05696-01
Date of This Order: 08/21/2023
Time period: 06/28/2023 - 07/28/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,168.75
Paid to Date: \$21,122.75
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4689

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 230902
Date of This Order: 08/21/2023
Time period: 06/28/2023 - 08/20/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$18,650.50
Paid to Date: \$203,492.80
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4690

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 93 CR 2647704
Date of This Order: 08/21/2023
Time period: 06/27/2023 - 08/21/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$6,906.11
Paid to Date: \$60,895.89
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4691

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: 08/21/2023
Time period: 06/27/2023 - 08/21/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$10,609.55
Paid to Date: \$86,446.32
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4693

Firm: 1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor
and (3) FTI Consulting
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771
Date of This Order: 08/31/2023
Time period: 06/01/2023 - 07/31/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$26,861.44 & FTI Consulting
\$86,048.21
Paid to Date: \$386,280.48
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4703

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 91 CR 2145101
Date of This Order: 08/29/2023
Time period: 11/28/2022 - 08/25/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,175.00
Paid to Date: \$8,207,959.66
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4705

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 87 CR 15089
Date of This Order: 06/12/2023
Time period: 07/05/2022 - 03/30/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,816.85
Paid to Date: \$8,207,959.66
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4706

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 91 CR 22152, et al.
Date of This Order: 06/12/2023
Time period: 05/01/2022 - 03/30/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$600.00
Paid to Date: \$8,207,959.66
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4707

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 95 CR 27600-01
Date of This Order: 07/25/2023
Time period: 03/20/2022 - 04/24/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$39,310.25
Paid to Date: \$8,207,959.66
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4733

Issuing Agency: City of Chicago, Streets and Sanitation Department
Violation Type: Uncut Weeds
Case No.(s): 22DS24958M
Date of This Order: 05/18/2023
Court Ordered Amount for fines and fees: \$640.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4740

Issuing Agency: City of Chicago, Streets and Sanitation
Violation Type: Uncut Weeds
Case No.(s): 22DS4952M
Date of This Order: 05/18/2023
Court Ordered Amount for fines and fees: \$640.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4741

Issuing Agency: City of Chicago, Streets and Sanitation
Violation Type: Uncut Weeds
Case No.(s): 22DS24953M
Date of This Order: 05/18/2023
Court Ordered Amount for fines and fees: \$640.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4742

Issuing Agency: City of Chicago, Streets and Sanitation
Violation Type: Uncut Weeds
Case No.(s): 22DS24955M
Date of This Order: 05/18/2023
Court Ordered Amount for fines and fees: \$640.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-4743

Issuing Agency: City of Chicago, Streets and Sanitation
Violation Type: Uncut Weeds
Case No.(s): 22DS25712M
Date of This Order: 06/10/2023
Court Ordered Amount for fines and fees: \$640.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

23-4310

Case: Williams, Larry v. Gade, et al
Case No: 22M1301496
Settlement Amount: \$19,000.00
Department: 1250-Office of the State's Attorney
Payable to: Disparti Law Group, P.A. on behalf of Larry Williams
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: Auto Accident

23-4376

Case: Davis v. Yarbrough
Case No: 22 C 2148
Settlement Amount: \$80,000.00
Department: 1110-Cook County Clerk
Payable to: Jamica Davis and Disparti Law Group Client Trust Account
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

23-4670

Case: Reyes, Nelson et al. v. Cook County Board of Review
Case No: 21 C 4875
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 1050- Board of Review
Payable to: Frank Avila, Law Offices of Frank Avila
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

23-4754

Case: Corner-Hart, Paulette v. County of Cook
Case No: EEOC Charge 440202202016
Settlement Amount: \$300,000.00
Department: 1085 - Fifth District -Office of the County Commissioner
Payable to: Paulette Corner-Hart, Richard Dvorak
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/18/2023
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

23-4637

Case: Sarmiento, Alejandro v. Cook County
Case No: 21 L 1015
Settlement Amount: \$1,056,000.00
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Payable to: Alejandro Sarmiento, Nicolasa Moreno, and their lawyers, Marino & Simonetti
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 06/28/2023
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

23-4667

Case: Belyanov, Sasho v. Cook County
Case No: 20 L 5407
Settlement Amount: \$487,500.00
Department: 4897 John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital
Payable to: Sasho Belyanov and his attorneys, Bakov Law Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/19/2023
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

23-4220

Case: Williams v. Redic
Case No: 21 L 5206
Settlement Amount: \$90,000.00
Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: The Kryder Law Group, LLC
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

23-4301

Case: Holman, Brandon v. Triplett
Case No: 17 C 4710
Settlement Amount: \$40,000.00
Department: 4240-Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Brandon Holman
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-4321

Case: Haymond, Ricardo v. Dart et al.
Case No: 22 C 2065
Settlement Amount: \$2,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Ricardo Haymond
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-4618

Case: Burton, Marcus v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 21 C 6861
Settlement Amount: \$20,000.00
Department: 1200 - Department of Facilities Management
Payable to: Marcus R. Burton, Sr.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

SAO OUTSIDE COUNSEL EXPENSE REPORT

23-4630

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments Following CCSAO-Litigated Settlements & Awards

Report Period: August 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

Summary: Authority to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements & Awards

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

23-4650

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 07/01/2023 - 07/31/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending July 2023. Payments total \$1,079,976.75

23-4653

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 08/01/2023 - 08/31/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending August 2023. Payments total \$1,131,767.78

QUARTERLY LITIGATION DISBURSEMENT REPORT

23-4654

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Quarterly Litigation Disbursements Report - Q3 FY 2023

Report Period: 06/01/2023 - 08/31/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information paid proposed settlement for Q3 fiscal year 2023. Payments total \$13,111,881.83.

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

23-4648

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Patient Arrestee Claims

Report Period: Months ending July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the months ending July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023. Payments total: **\$30,884.69**

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

23-4652

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Self Insurance Claims

Report Period: Months Ending July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the months ending July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023. Payments total: **\$17,931.49**

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

23-4241

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

Report Period: Month ending 08/31/2023.

Summary: Submitting for your information, a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending August 31, 2023 - Total Recovery: \$23,752.69 - Number of Recoveries: 7

COMPTROLLERS

23-4548

REPORT

Department: Comptroller Office

Report Title: Analysis of Revenue and Expenses

Report Period: For the seven-month ended June 30, 2023

Summary: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the seven-month period ended June 30, 2023, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County.

HEALTH & HOSPITAL

23-4912

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: September 2023

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

23-4079

Presented by: SUSAN CAMPBELL, Director, Department of Planning and Development, JOSINA MORITA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED ARPA FIXED SITE SHELTER - ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Connections for the Homeless, Inc., Evanston, Illinois

Request: Respectfully request the Board of Commissioners approval of a \$7,000,000, 30-years, 0% permanent loan using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to acquire an existing hotel facility to create a fixed site, 70-person, non-congregant, permanent shelter facility.

Total Development Cost: \$15,015,476.00

Project Loan Amount: \$7,000,000.00

Fiscal Impact: \$7,000,000.00

Account(s): 11286.1013.66737.580170.00000.00000

Summary: Connections for the Homeless, Inc., (Connections) has requested \$7,000,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds for the acquisition of an existing hotel property in Evanston, IL. The loan has a thirty-year term, 0% permanent loan rate and is fully forgivable at maturity. The acquisition funds will provide acquisition and closing costs for the fixed-site non-congregate shelter serving up to 70 residents in Evanston.

The subject site address is located at 1566 Oak Avenue in Evanston, Illinois. The subject site is in a mixed-use area of residential and commercial use in the city of Evanston, IL. The subject site is currently comprised of an existing Hotel structure, The Margarita Inn, which operated as a boutique 55-room hotel for 85 years prior to the Pandemic.

Since March 2021, Connections has master-leased the hotel and operated a fixed-site homeless shelter. Emergency COVID-19 federal dollars in the form of either CDBG CV or American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), via Cook County, have sustained this model in the short-term. Long-term, this model was not sustainable as it currently costs approximately \$2,400,000 annually to operate the homeless program at this location with hotel rents accounting for up to \$1,500,000 of expenses and absent a long-term stream of revenue to support operations.

Connections, in partnership with its Alliance of Homelessness (Alliance) partners, Cook County, the State of Illinois, the City of Evanston and philanthropic sources, create a unique opportunity to ensure this capacity is permanent.

The State of Illinois in its 2023 Budget, with extensive advocacy from Alliance members, extended and increased established funding to directly support both the operations of shelters and the services required to advance individuals and families to sustainable housing. Over \$51 Million was accorded to Shelter Operations and Services through the Illinois Department of Human Services, granting immediate funding to existing shelter providers, such as the subject operator Connections for the Homeless (Connections), while creating future opportunity for agencies to request funding throughout the suburban region. This combination of Operating Funds with the subject Capital enables the shelter to be sustainable long-term.

There are 46 rooms, operated as either a private-individual, family room or roommate room. The shelter is gender neutral and open to all adults ages 18 or older, families with children, and two rooms (4 beds) are dedicated for young people ages 18-to-24. Each room has a private bathroom, closet, dresser, small refrigerator, television, phone, and Wi-Fi access. Rooms are accessed via keycards provided by the Margarita Inn.

Participants have access to their rooms 24 hours per day, and the Margarita Inn is also staffed 24 hours per day. In addition to safe, private shelter, every resident has access to a range of onsite services as they work toward their plan for a permanent housing solution. Exit planning is a requirement of the program. Since implementing this new model at the Margarita Inn in March of 2020, the average length of stay is approximately 7 months and 57% of residents have transitioned to stable housing.

Connections is a corporation organized to develop a program for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Connections' mission is to serve and catalyze the community to end homelessness, one person at a time. Building off nearly 40 years of experience serving people who are homeless, Connections now offers shelter to people of all genders and family configurations.

Participants have access to richer services that are available onsite, which has significantly improved participation in workshops and programs to help ready the household for program exit. 24/7 onsite physical and mental health support also improves stability and overall health of participants. Staff can also connect with shelter residents more quickly as housing opportunities become available. This is particularly helpful given that when a housing option arises, it is very time sensitive and critical staff can connect with the participants to ensure they do not lose the opportunity.

Connections services will provide:

- Intensive case management provided by full-time, onsite staff that co-develop housing exit plans and address or eliminate barriers to securing a permanent home.
- Housing location services and support enrolling in all available solutions including the Coordinated

Entry system administered by the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

- Physical and mental health care provided by full-time, onsite licensed health practitioners including an MD, a nurse, a nursing assistant, and mental health professionals.
- Benefits enrollment and redetermination assistance for participants for public benefits (e.g., SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, WIC, SSDI, etc.)
- Life-skills training along with education and employment services (e.g., resume writing, interview preparation resume writing, test prep etc.
- Health education classes, financial literacy workshops, tenant literacy trainings
- Onsite well-being programs (e.g., art therapy groups, movie nights, storytelling groups, etc.)
- Transportation support for appointments and education and employment opportunities
- Laundry services
- Three daily meals

Of note, this development represents a directional change in how the homeless are served in Suburban Cook County. Prior to the Pandemic in 2020, sheltering was primarily provided in the Overnight Pads Model, which supplied shelter overnight in facilities provided by churches, synagogues and other private facilities. Operations relied heavily on volunteers with minimal permanent staffing. Shelter guests were required to vacate the facility during the day, locate and travel to the rotational shelter available for the next night. While the lack of physical assets to support the shelter operations on a full-time basis was identified prior to 2020, the pandemic proved out the shortcomings of this model as facilities and volunteers were inconsistently available early and non-existent as the pandemic worsened.

The provider community of non-profits, the Alliance to End Homelessness, State, County and local municipalities worked to establish hotel-based sheltering, taking advantage of the bounty of rental nights available as tourism plunged during the pandemic. Advocacy at the Federal and State level supplied funding to support the sheltering operations during the pandemic. As the pandemic ran its course, the hotel sheltering model increasingly became unsustainable in the third year (current) of operations. A more sustainable model of removing the rental element and supporting operations was required.

Reducing the leasing costs amounted to attempts to acquire hotel locations, such as the subject request, locking in the assets for long term use, without paying short-term rates. Operations would be another challenge that advocates took to the State of Illinois to support, as Illinois does not have a defined revenue source to support homeless efforts as other States and municipalities, e.g., Transfer Tax, Sales Tax, Bonding Authority.

Legislative History : 7/20/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

23-4091

Presented by: SUSAN CAMPBELL, Director, Department of Planning and Development

PROPOSED ARPA FIXED SITE SHELTER - ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Department: Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Housing Forward, LLC and Oak Park Development Corporation, Oak Park, Illinois

Request: Respectfully request the Board of Commissioners approval of a \$6,500,000.00, 30-years, 0% permanent loan using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to acquire an existing hotel facility to create a fixed site, 55-person, non-congregant, permanent shelter facility.

Total Development Cost: \$14,264,873.00

Project Loan Amount: \$6,500,000.00

Fiscal Impact: \$6,500,000.00

Account(s): 11286.1013.66737.580170.00000.00000

Summary: Housing Forward, LLC and the Oak Park Development Corporation have requested \$6,500,000.00 in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds for the acquisition of an existing hotel property in Oak Park, IL. The loan has a thirty-year term, 0% permanent loan rate and is fully forgivable at maturity. The loan will be used to acquire property for individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals in need of recuperative care services and housing. The acquisition and renovation of the Write Inn will provide Housing Forward with a permanent addition of 55 beds (units) to help close the gap and address the unmet need that has consistently been identified in the west Cook County region.

Housing Forward currently occupies this property and has been utilizing it for the subject intended use for more than two years. Housing Forward's strategic plan and corresponding strategic facilities plan both identify the need to add 80-85 new beds (units) in the West Suburban Cook County.

Housing Forward will provide temporary housing and necessary wrap-around services to unsheltered individuals and families as an equitable and dignified crisis response and a solution to resolving their homelessness. Through this location, Housing Forward will provide 24/7 temporary and private residential services and necessary supports to resolve the immediacy of their homelessness, begin the process of helping them to improve their health and mental wellness, and putting them on the path to permanent housing placement. The shelter will have no qualifications or referral requirement for service.

Uniquely, a component of the shelter houses the Cook County Hospitals and Health Systems' Rise Center, a Medical Respite Supportive Services facility, where recuperative services are provided to individuals that are either a patient or referral of a Cook County Health facility or a patient of a healthcare facility located in suburban Cook or a residents of suburban Cook County referred from any healthcare facility.

Along with the base services of the Shelter, Respite patients will have among services:

- An Individual Service Plan (ISP) detailing goals to be accomplished by the participant and ongoing monthly assessment against goals.
- Housing needs assessment and services for post-discharge housing attainment
- Assistance with self-management of medical conditions
- Medical plan, 24/7 monitoring, Nursing and Medical Assistance
- Coordinated tele-health and in-person medical appointments.

Of note, this development structure represents a directional change in how the homeless are served in Suburban Cook County; the provision of fixed assets (buildings) with intensive service delivery on sight to advance individuals and families to stable housing and health. Prior to the Pandemic in 2020, sheltering was primarily provided in the Overnight Pads Model, which supplied shelter overnight in facilities provided by churches, synagogues and other private facilities. Shelter guests were required to vacate the facility during the day, locate and travel to the rotational shelter available for the next night. Operations relied heavily on volunteers with minimal permanent staffing. While the lack of physical assets to support the shelter operations on a full-time basis was identified prior to 2020, the pandemic proved out the shortcomings of this model as facilities and volunteers were inconsistently available early and non-existent as the pandemic worsened.

Housing Forward and the Oak Park Development Corporation will collaborate to acquire and redevelop the Write Inn, an existing residential hotel located at 211 N. Oak Park Avenue in downtown Oak Park. The property will become a permanent home for Housing Forward fixed site shelter and medical respite program serving persons experiencing homelessness.

Housing Forward has been advancing its mission to transition individuals and families from housing crisis to housing stability. Housing Forward believes housing is a basic human right and that individuals cannot achieve stability until they are housed first. Housing Forward's operations include programs that attempt to combat the various aspects of homelessness by providing housing (interim and permanent); medical respite; street outreach and diversion services; employment; prevention; and all encompassing "wraparound services" that begin with clients being assigned a case manager upon intake and culminating when permanent housing is found. Housing Forward serves nearly 2,700 men, women, and families annually with such individualized services focused on resolving homelessness and housing crises quickly and permanently.

Oak Park Residence, the development partner is a non-profit corporation organized around acquiring and maintaining residential properties in Oak Lawn for the purpose of reducing blight and preventing and eliminating racial and ethnic prejudice and discrimination. Oak Park Residence currently owns and manages 27 multifamily properties with 703 units within Oak Park, including family, elderly and special needs residency. The property management arm of the organization also manages properties for third parties including the Housing Authority of Oak Park. Oak Park is considered for the development and operational management of the property given their experience with comparable properties in Oak Park.

Legislative History : 7/20/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

23-3116

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ARPA VITAL AND HEALTHY 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, 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 Resolution 22-0637; and

WHEREAS, to further the Policy Roadmap Goals, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of Vital Community and Healthy 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 regarding 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 agreement by the BED to utilize ARPA funding for a multiyear term through Fiscal Year 2026, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the BED program as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Elevate Energy** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$20,000,000** to implement the **Water Affordability Program**, an initiative that will provide water utility bill payment assistance to help struggling households in suburban Cook County and reduce uncollectable debt for municipal water utilities. Elevate expects to partner with CEDA to continue the water utility assistance program that CEDA has been operating since late 2021. Elevate will also focus on water debt relief in communities with a high water burden, meaning that the households in the community spend a significantly larger portion of their income on their water bill. The initiative will also promote water conservation through efforts including a leak repair assistance program, and a water affordability technical assistance program will test out innovative approaches and inform long-term plans to address affordability challenges in suburban Cook County.
2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,240,000** to implement the **Community Information Exchange (CIE) Program**, an initiative that will strengthen the coordination of healthcare and social services for Cook County residents by connecting people, service organizations, and community partners more efficiently through data sharing. A CIE will expand on the utility of the 211 Metro Chicago information and referral system for human services by developing a client profile that is shared across the resource systems landscape. This initiative will allow providers of health and social services greater shared visibility into the client/patient needs, create a more efficient experience, and strengthen communication between organizations. IPHI, through its Center for Health Information Sharing and Innovation program, will be responsible for carrying out the planning phase of this initiative, including coalition building, conducting needs assessments, establishing appropriate software, and creating a timeline to launch the CIE Program. IPHI will coordinate the regional network of partners and guide them through the process of realizing a shared vision and strategy, supporting aligned activities, establishing shared measurement practices, fostering public will and advancing policy, and mobilizing funding.

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 outline the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the agencies listed above to implement the above program.

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

Legislative History : 6/29/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

Legislative History : 7/19/23 - Finance Committee - recommend for deferral

Legislative History : 7/20/23 - Board of Commissioners - defer

FINANCE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING

SPECIAL COURT CASES

SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO PRESENT:	\$1,568,743.17
SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED:	\$340,754.38

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO PRESENT:	\$18,380,932.70
PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED:	\$2,109,500.00



Secretary