



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

9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent Commissioner Miller (1)

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

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. George Blakemore

25-3743

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/23/2025.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 25-3743. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioner Miller (1)

COURT ORDERS

25-3624

Presented by: TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

REPORT

Department: Office of the Chief Judge

Report Title: Report of Legal and Expert witness Fees and Expenses Process for Payment

Report Period: June 25, 2025 - August 21, 2025

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3624. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

SPECIAL COURT CASES

25-3693

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC

Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy

Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor

Case No.(s): 88 CR 0230902

Date of This Order: 07/30/2025

Time period: 07/01/2025 - 07/29/2025

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$14,762.50

Paid to Date: \$524,522.64

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

25-3695

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 96 CR 0938501
Date of This Order: 07/30/2025
Time period: 07/01/2025 - 07/29/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,781.25
Paid to Date: \$168,930.98
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

25-3696

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: 07/30/2025
Time period: 07/02/2025 - 07/30/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,449.25
Paid to Date: \$244,790.41
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

25-3697

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 00 CR 13572-01
Date of This Order: 08/25/2025
Time period: 12/13/2024 - 08/19/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$41,439.48
Paid to Date: \$9,043,656,.83
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

25-3698

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 91 CR 22460-02
Date of This Order: 08/25/2025
Time period: 09/20/23 - 03/07/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,184.93
Paid to Date: \$9,043,656.83
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

25-3700

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi P.C.
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002
Date of This Order: 08/26/2025
Time period: 06/01/2025 - 07/31/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$12,059.00
Paid to Date: \$174,464.56
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

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

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

25-3609

Case: Hasbrouck, LaMar v. Cook County Health
Case No: N/A
Settlement Amount: \$180,000.00 (\$135,000 to Lamar Hasbrouck; \$45,000 to Caffarelli & Associates Ltd.)
Fixed Charges Department: 4895 - Department of Public Health
Payable to: Lamar Hasbrouck (\$135,000); Caffarelli & Associates Ltd. (\$45,000)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/23/2025
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

25-3610

Case: Connelly, Margaret v. Cook County Assessor's Office, at al.
Case No: 19 C 7894
Settlement Amount: \$195,465.85
Fixed Charges Department: 580146 - Labor & Employee Settlement
Payable to: 115,931.70 to Griffin Williams McMahon & Walsh, LLP; \$79,534.15 to Margaret Winters
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/23/2025
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

25-3649

Case: Thomas, Jasmine (formerly Lucas, Twana) (Est. Deon Lee) v. Cook County, et al.
Case No: 23 L 8005
Settlement Amount: \$3,000,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Jasmine Thomas, Special Administrator of Est. of Deon Lee and her attys, Clifford Law Offices, P.C.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/23/2025
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

25-3303

Case: Dixon, Darvell v. Pearson
Case No: 23 C 14756
Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Darvell Dixon
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-3536

Case: Tyehimba, Niamah v. Gondek, et al.
Case No: 22 C 1139
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Niamah Tyehimba
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-3569

Case: Randle v. Rocca
Case No: 22 C 03836
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Michael Randle
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 09/17/2025
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-3598

Case: Arthur Almendarez v. Victor Switski, et al.
Case No: 23-cv-03165
Settlement Amount: \$7,450,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: Arthur Almendarez and Loevy & Loevy
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 04/19/2025
Subject matter: Federal Section 1983 Lawsuit-Reversed Conviction

25-3599

Case: John Galvan v. Victor Switski, et al.,
Case No: 23-cv-03158
Settlement Amount: \$7,450,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: John Galvan and Loevy & Loevy
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 04/17/2025
Subject matter: Federal Section 1983 lawsuit-Reversed Conviction

25-3600

Case: Francisco Nanez v. Victor Switski, et al.,
Case No: 23-cv-03162
Settlement Amount: \$7,450,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: Francisco Nanez and Loevy & Loevy
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 04/09/2205
Subject matter: Federal Section 1983 lawsuit-Reversed Conviction

25-3570

Case: Johnson v. Capron, et al.
Case No: 23 C 00378
Settlement Amount: \$1,500.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: James L. Johnson
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-3344

Case: Rezai, Pedram v. Cook County et al.
Case No: 24 L 2351
Settlement Amount: \$12,500.00
Fixed Charges Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Payable to: Pedram Rezai
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

25-3623

Case: Mickey Russell v. Dart et. al
Case No: 22 C 5601
Settlement Amount: \$2,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1210-Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Mickey Russell
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-3646

Case: Hatter v. Montoya, et al.
Case No: 23 L 003411
Settlement Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 499 (Public Safety)
Payable to: Uche P.C. Lawyers Trust Account (ILOTA)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/23/2025
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Nays: Commissioner: S. Morrison (1) on item **25-3609**

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORTS

25-3643

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

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

Report Period: July 23, 2025, through September 16, 2025

Summary: Authorization to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements and Awards

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 25-3643. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

25-3636

Presented by: DEANNA ZALAS, Director, Department of Risk Management

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 06/01/2025 - 06/30/2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending June 30, 2025. Payments total \$1,530,616.32

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 25-3636. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

25-3638

Presented by: DEANNA ZALAS, Director, Department of Risk Management

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 07/01/2025 - 07/31/2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending July 31, 2025. Payments total \$2,074,578.13

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 25-3638. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

25-3633

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Patient Arrestee Claim Payments

Report Period: 07/01/2025 - 08/31/2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the months ending July 31, and August 31, 2025. Payments total: \$ 34,228.90.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3633. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

25-3285

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Self-Insurance Claim Payments

Report Period: 07/01/2025 - 08/31/2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the months ending July 31 and August 31, 2025. Payments total - \$10,636.36

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3285. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Excused Absence: Morita (1)

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

25-3418

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

Report Period: July 31, 2025 - August 31, 2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information, a summary of recovered amounts for the month ending August 31, 2025 - Four (4) recovery total: **\$9,057.17**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3418. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)
Excused Absence: Morita (1)

COMPTROLLERS

25-3709

REPORT

Department: Comptroller

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: Seven-month period ended June 30, 2025

Summary: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the seven-month period ended June 30, 2025, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County. The report presents estimates of revenues and expenses expected to occur during the fiscal period compared to actual revenues and expenses recorded.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3709. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-3710

REPORT

Department: Comptroller

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: Eight-month period ended July 31, 2025

Summary: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the eight-month period ended July 31, 2025, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County. The report presents estimates of revenues and expenses expected to occur during the fiscal period compared to actual revenues and expenses recorded.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3710. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

HEALTH & HOSPITAL

25-3682

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: September 2025

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

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-3682. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-0253

Presented by: TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Office of the Chief Judge, Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department

Vendor: Heartland Human Care Services, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Service - ~~Pilot assessment and~~ Center of care for court involved female youth

Contract Value: ~~\$6,921,483.86 \$7,125,581.92~~ \$6,803,149.85

Contract period: ~~6/18/2025 7/24/2025~~ 7/30/2025 – 11/30/2027 with two (2) one-year renewal options

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

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2025 ~~\$1,772,607.63~~ ~~\$1,656,264.26~~ \$1,333,832.19 FY 2026 ~~\$2,536,392.23~~ \$2,694,302.22 FY 2027 ~~2,612,484.00~~ \$2,775,015.44

Accounts: 11100.1326.15295.521313 Special or Coop Programs

Contract Number(s): 2550-12260

Summary: The Office of the Chief Judge, Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department, pursuant to the Court's Chief Judge's Reimagine Detention Initiative, requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into a contract with Heartland Human Care Services to establish community-based residential spaces for juvenile justice system-involved youth. This pilot program with Heartland will establish a dedicated ~~assessment center and~~ center of care for justice involved ~~female~~ youth.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for deferral 25-0253. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-3216

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS; THE APPROVAL, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois (the “**Illinois Constitution**”), The County of Cook, Illinois (the “**County**”) is a home rule unit of local government and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to, the power to tax and to incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the County may also exercise powers relating to the power to tax and to incur debt

pursuant to the Counties Code, as supplemented and amended by the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois (collectively, the “**Act**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the “**Corporate Authorities**” or the “**Board**”) has not adopted any ordinance, resolution, order or motion or provided any County Code provisions which restrict or limit the exercise of the home rule powers of the County in the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds for corporate purposes or which otherwise provide any special rules or procedures for the exercise of such powers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ordinance duly adopted by the Corporate Authorities on July 24, 2012, the County duly authorized and approved that certain Master Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2012 (the “**Master Indenture**”), between the County and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the “**Trustee**”) which provides that the County may issue bonds authenticated and delivered under and pursuant to the Master Indenture (the “**Bonds**”) for the purpose of financing costs of Projects (as defined in the Master Indenture) and paying costs related to the issuance of such Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it was intended and is hereby determined that the financing of costs of Projects includes expenditures for the refinancing of debt incurred to pay costs of the Series 2025 Projects (as defined in this Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, the Master Indenture further provides that all such Bonds shall be designated “Sales Tax Revenue Bonds,” shall include such further appropriate designations as the County may determine and may be issued in one or more Series (as defined in the Master Indenture) with each Bond bearing upon its face the designation determined for its Series; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain First Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2012, between the County and the Trustee, the County has previously issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 in the original aggregate principal amount of \$90,000,000 for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Second Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2013, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 (Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds - Direct Payment) in the original aggregate principal amount of \$24,945,000 for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Third Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2017, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$165,000,000, for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Fourth Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2018, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales

Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$155,630,000 for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Fifth Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of January 1, 2021, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$169,280,000 for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Sixth Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2022, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$153,195,000 for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Seventh Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2022, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2022B, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$57,950,000 for the purpose of refunding Series 2012 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Indenture and that certain Eighth Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2024, between the County and the Trustee, the County issued its Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$164,545,000 for the purpose of financing costs of Projects; and

WHEREAS, the County previously issued its \$125,000,000 original principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014D and its \$50,000,000 original principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 (collectively, the “**Prior General Obligation Bonds**”) pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of October 1, 2014, as amended, between the County and Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, as trustee, a portion of the proceeds of which financed projects which qualify as “Projects” pursuant to the Master Indenture with the intent of refinancing such Prior General Obligation Bonds with a subsequent financing; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to refund all or a portion of the Prior General Obligation Bonds with proceeds of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds issued under the Master Indenture and a supplemental indenture thereto; and

WHEREAS, as it pertains to Cook County government and affairs, and as in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the County, it is necessary, prudent, or advisable that the County provide financing for or refinancing of various projects and purposes for the benefit of the County and its residents, including, but not limited to, surface transportation and highway improvements including arterial street and highway construction and resurfacing, bridge and other structural improvements and repairs, traffic signal modernization, new traffic signal installation and median construction; infrastructure improvements to enhance the development of economic activity, including

industrial street and corridor improvements, commercial streetscaping, median landscaping, and hazardous building demolition; and constructing, equipping, altering and repairing various County facilities, including administrative offices, hospitals and health care facilities, correctional facilities, courthouses, and fleet management facilities, or for any other Projects under the Master Indenture (the “**Series 2025 Projects**”); and

WHEREAS, the specific components of the construction, equipping, altering and repair of various County facilities and of any other Projects, initially constituting the Series 2025 Projects shall be as set forth on Exhibit A to this Ordinance and the Series 2025 Projects relating to the 2025 Bonds (as defined below) shall be specified in the Bond Order pursuant to Section 3(d) of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate costs of the Series 2025 Projects eligible for financing or refinancing are estimated to be not greater than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is advisable and necessary to authorize the issuance of County of Cook, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (the “**2025 Bonds**”) of the County, in one or more Series for the following purposes: (i) paying all or a portion of the costs of the Series 2025 Projects, including the refunding of the Prior General Obligation Bonds issued for the interim financing of the Series 2025 Projects; (ii) capitalizing interest payable on the 2025 Bonds to the extent determined to be necessary as provided herein; (iii) funding a debt service reserve fund for the 2025 Bonds to the extent determined to be necessary as provided herein; (iv) paying the costs of the premium on any municipal bond insurance policy with respect to the 2025 Bonds; and (v) paying the expenses of issuing the 2025 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County, by virtue of its constitutional home rule powers and all laws applicable thereto has the power to issue the 2025 Bonds and such borrowing is for a proper public purpose and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that in connection with the issuance of the 2025 Bonds, it is advisable or necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of a Ninth Supplemental Trust Indenture (the “**Supplemental Indenture**”) as authorized pursuant to the Master Indenture.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of The County of Cook, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Findings

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and do hereby incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference. It is hereby found and determined that the Corporate Authorities have been authorized by law to issue the 2025 Bonds in one or more Series to (i) finance or refinance the Series 2025 Projects; (ii) capitalize

interest payable on the 2025 Bonds to the extent determined to be necessary as provided herein; (iii) fund a debt service reserve fund for the 2025 Bonds to the extent determined to be necessary as provided herein; (iv) pay the costs of the premium on any municipal bond insurance policy with respect to the 2025 Bonds; and (v) pay costs in connection with the issuance of the 2025 Bonds, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 3(a) of this Ordinance. It is hereby found and determined that such borrowing of money pertains to the government and affairs of the County, is necessary, prudent or advisable for the public health, safety and welfare of the government and affairs of the County, is for a proper public purpose or purposes and is in the public interest, and is authorized pursuant to the Act; and these findings and determinations shall be deemed conclusive. The issuance of the 2025 Bonds is authorized by the Illinois Constitution and the Act and the 2025 Bonds shall be issued pursuant to the Illinois Constitution and the Act.

Section 2. Issuance of the 2025 Bonds

(a) There shall be authorized the issuance of the 2025 Bonds in one or more Series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) plus an amount equal to the amount of any net original issue premium obtained in the sale of the 2025 Bonds for the purposes described in the preambles to this Ordinance. The 2025 Bonds may be issued from time to time in one or more Series in said aggregate principal amount, or such lesser aggregate principal amount as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the County (the “**Chief Financial Officer**”) (it being hereby expressly provided that in the event of a vacancy in the office of Chief Financial Officer or the absence or temporary or permanent incapacity of the Chief Financial Officer, the Comptroller, the Deputy Comptroller, or the Deputy Chief Financial Officer shall be authorized to act in the capacity of the Chief Financial Officer for all purposes of this Ordinance). Each Series of the 2025 Bonds shall be designated “Sales Tax Revenue Bonds”, with such additions, modifications or revisions as shall be determined to be necessary by the Chief Financial Officer at the time of the sale and having any other authorized features determined by the Chief Financial Officer as desirable to be reflected in the title of each Series of 2025 Bonds.

(b) Each Series of 2025 Bonds shall be issued and secured pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture but within the limitations prescribed in this Ordinance. The Supplemental Indenture is to be entered into between the County and the Trustee under the Master Indenture. The President of the Board (the “**President**”) and the Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Supplemental Indenture on behalf of the County, the Supplemental Indenture to be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, and which is made a part hereof and hereby approved with such changes therein as shall be approved by the President or Chief Financial Officer executing the same (including such changes as necessary to reflect each Series of the 2025 Bonds and the related Series 2025 Projects) with such execution to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval and the Corporate Authorities’ approval of any changes or revisions therein from the form attached hereto. All capitalized terms used in this Ordinance without definition shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Master Indenture or the Supplemental Indenture. The President and the Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized to act as an Authorized Officer for

the purposes provided in the Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture.

(c) The Supplemental Indenture shall set forth such additional covenants with respect to a Series of 2025 Bonds as shall be deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer in connection with the sale of the related Series. The 2025 Bonds shall be executed by the officers of the County and prepared in the form as provided in the Supplemental Indenture, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the President or the Chief Financial Officer executing the same, with such execution to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval and the Corporate Authorities' approval of any changes or revisions therein from the form attached thereto.

(d) The principal of each Series of 2025 Bonds issued to finance or refinance the Series 2025 Projects (including 2025 Bonds issued to refund the Prior General Obligation Bonds) shall become due and payable on or before November 15, 2055. Each Series of the 2025 Bonds shall be dated not later than the date of issuance thereof, as shall be provided in the Supplemental Indenture (such date for any Bonds being the "**Dated Date**"). The 2025 Bonds shall be issued as Current Interest Bonds (as defined in the Master Indenture) and shall bear interest at a fixed rate or rates not to exceed seven percent (7.0%) per annum per maturity as determined by the Chief Financial Officer at the time of the sale thereof.

(e) Each Series of 2025 Bonds may be redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the County, in whole or in part on any date, at such times and at such redemption prices (to be expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of 2025 Bonds being redeemed not to exceed one hundred two percent

(102%)), plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, all as shall be determined by the Chief Financial Officer at the time of the sale thereof. Certain of the 2025 Bonds may be Term Bonds (as defined in the Master Indenture), as determined by the Chief Financial Officer at the time of the sale thereof; provided that each Series of 2025 Bonds shall mature not later than the applicable final maturity date set forth in Section 2(d) hereof.

(f) Each 2025 Bond shall bear interest from the later of its Dated Date or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of such Series 2025 Bond is paid or duly provided for, such interest (computed upon the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months) being payable on the fifteenth (15th) days of May and November of each year, commencing on such May 15 and November 15 as determined by the Chief Financial Officer at the time of the sale thereof.

(g) The 2025 Bonds may be issued in book-entry only form as determined by the Chief Financial Officer. In connection with the issuance of 2025 Bonds in book-entry only form, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute and deliver a Letter of Representations (as defined in the Master Indenture) to DTC (as defined in the Master Indenture) in substantially the form previously used in connection with obligations issued by the County in book-entry form.

Section 3. Sale of the 2025 Bonds; Bond Order; Financing Team; Execution of Documents

Authorized; Undertakings; Offering Materials

(a) The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell all or any portion of the 2025 Bonds to the underwriters described as Managers (the “**Underwriters**”) in Section 3(c), from time to time, and in one or more Series, on such terms as he or she may deem to be in the best interests of the County; provided that an amount not to exceed two percent (2.00%) of the principal amount of each Series of 2025 Bonds is authorized to be used to pay reasonable costs of issuance and sale of such Series authorized and sold pursuant to this Ordinance, including, without limitation, printing, bond rating, travel of outside vendors, security, delivery, legal and municipal advisory services, initial fees of trustees, registrars, paying agents and other fiduciaries, underwriters’ discounts and fees, but excluding bond insurance, as determined in the Bond Order. Nothing contained in this Section shall limit the sale of the 2025 Bonds, or any maturity or maturities thereof, at a price or prices in excess of the principal amount thereof.

(b) The 2025 Bonds shall be issued as bonds on which the interest paid and received is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”).

(c) The selection of the following party or parties in the capacity as indicated is hereby expressly approved in connection with the issuance and sale of the 2025 Bonds:

<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Party or Parties</u>
Senior Manager	Ramirez & Co., Inc.
Co-Senior Manager	Mesirow Financial, Inc.
Co-Manager	Oppenheimer & Co., Inc.
Bond Counsel	Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
Co-Municipal Advisors	Columbia Capital Management, LLC
	RSI Group LLC
Disclosure Counsel	Foley & Lardner LLP
Issuer’s Counsel	Hardwick Law Firm, LLC
Underwriters’ Counsel	Greenberg Traurig, LLP

(d) Subsequent to the sale of each Series of 2025 Bonds, the Chief Financial Officer shall file in the office of the County Clerk a Bond Order, with a copy of the executed Supplemental Indenture attached and directed to the Corporate Authorities identifying: (i) the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Bonds of such Series sold and the purchase price at which each Series were sold; (ii) the principal amount of each Series maturing and subject to mandatory redemption in each year; (iii) the redemption provisions applicable to each Series; (iv) the interest rate or rates payable on each Series; (v) the Dated Date of each Series; (vi) the identity of any municipal bond insurer and of any provider of a debt service reserve fund surety bond; (vii) the information regarding the title and designation of each Series; together with (viii) any other matter authorized by this Ordinance to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer

at the time of sale of each Series of 2025 Bonds, and thereafter the 2025 Bonds of such Series so sold shall be duly prepared and executed in the form and manner provided herein and delivered to the respective Underwriters in accordance with the terms of sale.

(e) Any one of the President; the Chief Financial Officer; or any other officer, official or employee of the County so designated by a written instrument signed by the President or the Chief Financial Officer and filed with the Trustee (a “**Designated Officer**”) is hereby authorized to execute such documents, with appropriate revisions to reflect the terms and provisions of the 2025 Bonds as authorized by this Ordinance and such other revisions in text as the President or the Chief Financial Officer shall determine are necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the 2025 Bonds, to effect the issuance and delivery and maintenance of the status of the 2025 Bonds, including but not limited to:

(i) a contract of purchase (the “**Purchase Contract**”) by and between the County and the Underwriters, which Purchase Contract shall be in a form acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer and as customarily entered into by the County;

(ii) a continuing disclosure undertaking (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”), as approved by the Chief Financial Officer to effect compliance with Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be in a form acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer and as customarily entered into by the County in connection with Sales Tax Revenue Bonds issued under the Master Indenture; and

(iii) such certification, tax returns and documentation as may be required by Bond Counsel, including, specifically, a tax agreement, to render their opinion as to the tax-exempt status of the 2025 Bonds.

The execution thereof by any such Designated Officers is hereby deemed conclusive evidence of approval thereof with such changes, additions, insertions, omissions or deletions as such officers may determine, with no further official action of or direction by the Corporate Authorities.

(f) When the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is executed and delivered on behalf of the County, it will be binding on the County and the officers, agents, and employees of the County, and the same are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of such Continuing Disclosure Undertaking as executed and delivered. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, the sole remedies for failure to comply with any Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be the ability of the beneficial owner of any 2025 Bond to seek mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the County to comply with its obligations thereunder.

(g) The preparation, use and distribution of a preliminary official statement and an official

statement relating to the sale and issuance of the 2025 Bonds are hereby authorized and approved. Any one of the President or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute and deliver an official statement relating to the sale and issuance of the 2025 Bonds on behalf of the County, in substantially the form previously used by the County, with such revisions as the President or the Chief Financial Officer shall determine are necessary or required in connection with the sale of the 2025 Bonds.

(h) In connection with the sale of the 2025 Bonds, if determined by the President or the Chief Financial Officer to be in the best financial interest of the County, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to procure one or more municipal bond insurance policies covering all or a portion of the 2025 Bonds and to procure one or more debt service reserve fund surety bonds for deposit into a subaccount of the Debt Service Reserve Subaccount (as defined in the Master Indenture).

Section 4. Alternative Allocation of Proceeds of 2025 Bonds

The County by its Corporate Authorities reserves the right, as it becomes necessary from time to time, to change the purposes of expenditure of the 2025 Bonds, to change priorities, to revise cost allocations among expenditures and to substitute Projects, in order to meet the current needs of the County; subject, however, to the provisions of the Act and to the tax covenants of the County relating to the tax exempt status of interest on the tax exempt Series of 2025 Bonds and further subject to the provisions of the Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture regarding amendments thereto. To the extent any action of the County described in the prior sentence is proposed to be taken with respect to the proceeds of any tax exempt Series of 2025 Bonds, it shall be conditioned on receipt by the County of an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such action shall not cause the interest on such Series to become subject to federal income taxation.

Section 5. Reimbursement

None of the proceeds of any Series of 2025 Bonds will be used to pay, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, for an expenditure that has been paid by the County more than sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof, except architectural, engineering or construction costs incurred prior to commencement of the Series 2025 Projects or expenditures for which an intent to reimburse was properly declared under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. This Ordinance is in itself a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 as to all costs of the Series 2025 Projects paid after the date that is 60 days prior to the date hereof and prior to issuance of such Series of 2025 Bonds.

Section 6. Tax Directives

With respect to the 2025 Bonds, the County covenants to take any action required by the provisions of Section 148(f) of the Code in order to assure compliance with Section 709 of the Master Indenture and to otherwise comply with the provisions of any tax certificate or agreement executed in connection with the 2025 Bonds, as applicable. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall limit the ability of the County to issue a Series of the 2025 Bonds the interest on which will be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes under the Code, if determined by the

Authorized Officer to be in the best interest of the County.

Section 7. Performance Provisions

The President, the Chief Financial Officer, the County Clerk, for and on behalf of the County shall be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the performance of all obligations of the County under and pursuant to this Ordinance, the Master Indenture, and the Supplemental Indenture, and the performance of all other acts of whatever nature necessary to effect and carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance, the Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture, including but not limited to, the exercise following the delivery date of any of the 2025 Bonds of any power or authority delegated to such official of the County under this Ordinance with respect to the 2025 Bonds upon the initial issuance thereof, but subject to any limitations on or restrictions of such power or authority as herein set forth. The President, the Chief Financial Officer, the County Clerk and other officers, agents and employees of the County are hereby further authorized, empowered and directed for and on behalf of the County, to execute and deliver all papers, documents, certificates and other instruments that may be required to carry out the authority conferred by this Ordinance, the Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture or to evidence said authority. In this Ordinance, reference to an officer of the County includes any person holding that office on an interim basis, and any person delegated the authority to act on behalf of such officer.

Section 8. Proxies

The President and the Chief Financial Officer may each designate another to act as their respective proxy and to affix their respective signatures to, in the case of the President, each of the 2025 Bonds, whether in temporary or definitive form, and to any other instrument, certificate or document required to be signed by the President or the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to this Ordinance, the Master Indenture, and the Supplemental Indenture. In each case, each shall send to the Corporate Authorities written notice of the person so designated by each, such notice stating the name of the person so selected and identifying the instruments, certificates and documents which such person shall be authorized to sign as proxy for the President and the Chief Financial Officer, respectively. A written signature of the President or the Chief Financial Officer, respectively, executed by the person so designated underneath, shall be attached to each notice. Each notice, with signatures attached, shall be filed with the County Clerk. When the signature of the President is placed on an instrument, certificate or document at the direction of the President in the specified manner, the same, in all respects, shall be as binding on the County as if signed by the President in person. When the signature of the Chief Financial Officer is so affixed to an instrument, certificate or document at the direction of the Chief Financial Officer, the same, in all respects, shall be binding on the County as if signed by the Chief Financial Officer in person.

Section 9. This Ordinance a Contract

The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the County and the registered owners of the 2025 Bonds, and no changes, additions or alterations of any kind shall be made hereto, except as herein provided. This Ordinance shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of State law without reference to its conflict of law principles.

Section 10. Prior Inconsistent Proceedings

All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 11. Immunity of Officers and Employees of County

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or premium or interest on any of the 2025 Bonds or for any claim based thereon or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement in this Ordinance contained against any past, present or future elected or appointed officer, director, member, employee or agent of the County, nor of any successor public corporation, as such, either directly or through the County or any successor public corporation, under any rule of law or equity, statute or constitution nor by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, and all such liability of any such elected or appointed officers, directors, members, employees or agents as such is hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of and consideration for the passage of this Ordinance and the issuance of such 2025 Bonds.

Section 12. Passage and Approval

Presented, Passed, Approved and Recorded by The County of Cook, Illinois, a home rule unit of government, this 18th day of September, 2025.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES 2025 PROJECTS (See Attachment)

EXHIBIT B

NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE (See Attachment)

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 25-3216. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Morita, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Present: Commissioners: Daley (1)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-3233

Presented by: EILEEN O'NEILL BURKE, Cook County State's Attorney

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Vendor: New Life Centers of Chicagoland, NFP, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Juvenile Diversion Pilot Program

Contract Value: \$587,875.86

Contract period: 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026 with two (2), one-year renewal options

Contract Utilization: The Contract specific goal set on this contract is Zero.

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2025 \$167,916.56; FY 2026 \$419,959.30

Accounts: TBD

Contract Number(s): 2525-06251

Summary: The Cook County State's Attorney's Office requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute a contract with New Life Centers, NFP (NLC) to establish programmatic support for justice involved youth. This pilot program with NLC will establish a community-based alternative to juvenile detention that combines culturally grounded, trauma-informed, restorative approaches with cognitive behavioral interventions serving justice involved youth, on a pre-trial basis, in and around Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 25-3233. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-2917

Presented by: AVIK DAS, Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Justice Advisory Council and the Office of the President

Other Part(ies): Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Approve second amendment to intergovernmental agreement

Goods or Services Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to receive additional funds to support capacity building in organizations providing violence prevention services

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Original Agreement Period: 8/4/2023 - 6/30/2026

Fiscal Impact: \$5,000,000.00 (FY2025 \$5,000,000.00)

Accounts: ~~1010.39006.520830~~ 11287.1010.39006.580170.00000.00000

Summary: The proposed amendment to Cook County's agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) reflects a proposed increase of \$5,000,000.00 in OOP Equity Funds: Equity in Grantmaking that were allocated specifically for capacity building in the FY2025 budget. This additional funding expands upon the capacity building infrastructure established by ICJIA's "Institute to Innovate (i2i) in which violence prevention organizations participate in a structured 18-month curriculum of capacity building to promote the administrative and governance capacity of participant organizations. This expansion allows for more targeted, time-limited supports for more organizations who may not have the capacity nor need for the more intensive i2i standard curriculum. Capacity building is a fundamental part of the ongoing work of the state, county and city's Government Alliance for Safe Communities (GASC) collaboration. With this funding, ICJIA will administer a contract with UCAN Chicago, who was selected via competitive procurement to administer a "hub-and-spoke" model of capacity building for community-based organizations providing Community Violence Intervention (CVI) and violence prevention programs and services. UCAN will serve as the network lead or "hub" coordinating the Subject

Matter Experts (SME) or "spokes" of this network to provide tailored capacity building support to organizations referred to the network by GASC member-entities. The original intergovernmental agreement was passed by the county board in July 2023 (#23-3799) and Amendment 1 was passed November 2023 (#23-5469).

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 25-2917. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-2910

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FROM COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is committed to promoting equitable access to employment opportunities across all departments, offices, and agencies under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, many Cook County job classifications currently include degree requirements that are not mandated by law nor essential to the performance of job duties; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that valuable skills and qualifications come in many forms, including direct experience, military service, apprenticeships, vocational training, certifications, and demonstrated ability-not just degrees; and

WHEREAS, removing non-essential degree requirements is a critical step toward eliminating barriers to employment, expanding opportunity, and ensuring all applicants are judged based on their capabilities and potential; and

WHEREAS, a skills-based approach to hiring better reflects the diverse talents of Cook County's workforce and helps ensure equitable and inclusive hiring practices; and

WHEREAS, Cook County aims to lead by example in embracing fair and inclusive hiring practices across all of its departments, offices, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, based on federally reported data the Cook County Workforce Utilization Analysis chart reflects the broader population of the county community, historically, experience has not served as a barrier to county job seekers; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Offices Under the President only requires degrees where required by law or recognized as industry standards; and

WHEREAS, this resolution's purpose is to memorialize the work that the Cook County Offices Under the President is currently doing in order to present the County as an employer of choice and encourage the other County Agencies to adopt similar practices; and

WHEREAS, to show Cook County as a county of choice, the Board of Commissioners are requesting all Agencies in Cook County to follow similar steps in order to make Cook County a choice employer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS, that all offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County Health and Hospitals System ("CCH"), Cook County State's Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County, the Cook County Land Bank Authority and the Public Administrator (hereinafter, "County Agencies" or "County Agency") shall engage in efforts to eliminate unnecessary educational barriers to employment within Cook County government by removing degree requirements from job descriptions and employment processes where such credentials are not legally required, essential to job performance or necessary based upon industry standards; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED that County Agencies that have not already reviewed their job descriptions, shall engage in work over the next six months to eliminate unnecessary educational barriers to employment within Cook County government by removing degree requirements from job descriptions and employment processes where such credentials are not legally required, essential to job performance or necessary based upon industry standards; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED, where a degree is no longer required, the job descriptions should be revised to reflect alternative qualifications, including but not limited to: relevant work experience, vocational or technical training, military service, apprenticeships, industry-recognized certifications, demonstrated competencies or skill assessments; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED, County Agencies shall provide a status report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners on or before March 1, 2026, regarding their compliance with this Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner McCaskill, to accept as substituted 25-2910. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-2910

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 25-2910

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FROM COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is committed to promoting equitable access to employment opportunities across all departments, offices, and agencies under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, many Cook County job classifications currently include degree requirements that are not mandated by law nor essential to the performance of job duties; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that valuable skills and qualifications come in many forms, including direct experience, military service, apprenticeships, vocational training, certifications, and demonstrated ability-not just degrees; and

WHEREAS, removing non-essential degree requirements is a critical step toward eliminating barriers to employment, expanding opportunity, and ensuring all applicants are judged based on their capabilities and potential; and

WHEREAS, a skills-based approach to hiring better reflects the diverse talents of Cook County's workforce and helps ensure equitable and inclusive hiring practices; and

WHEREAS, Cook County aims to lead by example in embracing fair and inclusive hiring practices across all of its departments, offices, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Cook County government desires its workforce to reflect the diversity of the broader county community; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Offices Under the President leads in the effort to require degrees where required by law or recognized as industry standards; and

WHEREAS, this resolution's purpose is to memorialize the work that the Cook County Offices Under the President is currently doing in order to present the County as an employer of choice and encourage the other County Agencies to adopt similar practices; and

WHEREAS, to show Cook County as a county of choice, the Board of Commissioners are requesting all Agencies in Cook County to follow similar steps in order to make Cook County a choice employer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS, that all offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County Health and Hospitals System ("CCH"), Cook County State's Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County, the Cook County Land Bank Authority and the Public Administrator (hereinafter, "County Agencies" or "County Agency") shall engage in efforts to eliminate unnecessary educational barriers to employment within Cook County government by removing degree requirements from job descriptions and employment processes where such credentials are not legally required, essential to job performance or necessary based upon industry standards; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that County Agencies that have not already reviewed their job descriptions, shall engage in work over the next six months to eliminate unnecessary educational barriers to employment within Cook County government by removing degree requirements from job descriptions and employment processes where such credentials are not legally required, essential to job performance or necessary based upon industry standards; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED, where a degree is no longer required, the job descriptions should be revised to reflect alternative qualifications, including but not limited to: relevant work experience, vocational or technical training, military service, apprenticeships, industry-recognized certifications, demonstrated competencies or skill assessments; and

FUTHER BE IT RESOLVED, County Agencies shall provide a status report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners on or before March 1, 2026 regarding their compliance with this Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner McCaskill, to recommend for approval as substituted 25-2910. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

25-3232

Presented by: EILEEN O'NEILL BURKE, Cook County State's Attorney

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Vendor: Firehouse Community Arts Center, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Juvenile Diversion Pilot Program

Contract Value: \$347,177.92

Contract period: 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026 with two (2), 1-year renewal options

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

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2025 \$109,252.64, FY 2026 \$237,925.28

Accounts: TBD

Contract Number(s): 2525-06250

Summary: The Cook County State's Attorney's Office requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute a contract with Firehouse Community Arts Center (FCAC) to establish programmatic support for justice involved youth. This pilot program with FCAC will establish a community-based alternative to juvenile detention that combines culturally grounded, trauma-informed, restorative approaches with cognitive behavioral interventions to serve justice involved youth, on a pre-trial basis, at and around Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 25-3232. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

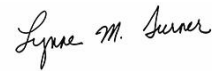
Ayes: Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Morita, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (15)

Absent Commissioners: Gainer, and Miller (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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