



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

9:30 AM

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

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23-3531

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/24/2023

COURT ORDERS

23-3209

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: May 1, 2023 through May 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

23-3483

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: 05/15/2023
Unopposed Petition Number: 36
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$4,473.61
Paid to Date: \$1,122,359.83

23-3419

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 18817-01
Date of This Order: 05/02/2023
Time period: 12/19/2022 - 05/02/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$7,505.90
Paid to Date: \$8,133,390.23
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3420

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 92 CR 25596-01
Date of This Order: 06/05/2023
Time period: 03/22/2023 - 05/23/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$31,478.35
Paid to Date: \$8,133,390.23
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3421

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 83-C-0093266-01
Date of This Order: 06/01/2023
Time period: 03/01/2023 - 05/22/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$35,584.88
Paid to Date: \$8,133,390.23
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3461

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: 05/30/2023
Time period: 05/05/2023 - 05/30/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$4,947.50
Paid to Date: \$55,948.39
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3463

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 99 CR 602001 & 99 CR 2602002
Date of This Order: 05/30/2023
Time period: 05/05/2023 - 05/30/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$15,426.19
Paid to Date: \$60,843.66
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3469

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: 06/01/2023
Time period: 04/26/2023 - 05/31/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,656.25
Paid to Date: \$3,850.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3470

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: 06/01/2023
Time period: 04/26/2023 - 05/31/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$9,978.50
Paid to Date: \$8,669.25
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3472

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: 06/01/2023
Time period: 04/26/2023 - 05/31/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$21,450.00
Paid to Date: \$267,840.70
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3474

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 96 CR 0938501
Date of This Order: 06/01/2023
Time period: 04/26/2023 - 05/29/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,805.00
Paid to Date: \$141,464.98
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

23-3475

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 230902
Date of This Order: 06/01/2023
Time period: 04/26/2023 - 05/29/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$6,422.93
Paid to Date: \$190,397.37
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

23-2772

Case: Brown, Arthur v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 18 C 7064
Settlement Amount: \$7,250,000.00
Department: 1250 - Office of the State's Attorney
Payable to: Arthur Brown and Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 04/25/2023
Subject matter: Alleged violation of civil rights.

23-3325

Case: Reyes, Mario v. Sheriff Dart, et al.
Case No: 18 L 012511
Settlement Amount: \$45,000.00
Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Mario Reyes (\$21,664.62); Kurtz Law Offices, Ltd. (\$23,335.38)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

23-3342

Case: Mallett, Nazaree, et al. v. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
Case No: 22 C 158
Settlement Amount: \$72,250.00
Department: 1335 - Clerk of the Circuit Court - Office of the Clerk
Payable to: Nazaree Mallett (\$24,604); Deloris Williams (\$24,604); Disparti Law Group P.A. (\$23,042)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

23-3343

Case: Tullis, Juliana (Est. Jennifer Stallings) v. Cook County
Case No: 21 L 6853
Settlement Amount: \$800,000.00
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Payable to: Juliana Tullis, as Spec. Admin. of the Est. of Jennifer Stallings, and her attorneys, Sandberg Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 05/24/2023
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

23-3371

Case: Jaime De Avila v. CCSAO
Case No: 2022 CH 08538
Settlement Amount: \$3,500.00
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

23-3372

Case: Willie Wells v. CCSAO
Case No: 2021 CH 05826
Settlement Amount: \$22,500.00
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

23-2853

Case: Garlin Minor v. Sheriff Dart, et. al.
Case No: 18 C 497
Settlement Amount: \$850.00
Department: 1239- Department of Corrections
Payable to: Garlin Minor
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a Civil Rights Violation

23-2909

Case: Moody, Zeron v. Dart et al.
Case No: 22 C 897
Settlement Amount: \$350.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Zeron Moody
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-2960

Case: Williams, James v. Redic, et al.
Case No: 20 M1 14701
Settlement Amount: \$3,261.00
Department: 1231 - Police Department
Payable to: GEICO CASUALTY CO, a/s/o James Williams
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

23-3029

Case: Joe Garcia v. Davis
Case No: 19 C 7130
Settlement Amount: \$14,000.00
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Joe Garcia
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3078

Case: Bolden, La'Mar v. Rodriguez, et al.
Case No: 21 C 1464
Settlement Amount: \$1,465.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: La'Mar Bolden
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3266

Case: Gaines, Lee v. Burns et al.
Case No: 18 C 5117
Settlement Amount: \$6,250.00
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Lee Gaines
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3268

Case: Walker, Joshua v. Dellis et al.
Case No: 21 C 3528
Settlement Amount: \$3,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Joshua Walker
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3288

Case: Uriostegui v. County, et al.
Case No: 21-L-10820
Settlement Amount: \$43,333.34
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County)
Payable to: Stotis & Baird Chartered
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of premises liability

23-3289

Case: Gordon-Hay, Louis v. Cook County, et al.
Case No: 22 C 3736
Settlement Amount: \$\$5,500.00 / \$1,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Louis Gordon-Hay (\$5,500.00) / Hale & Monico, LLC (\$1,000.00)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3293

Case: Warlick, Derrick v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 23 C 98
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. and Derrick Warlick
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3303

Case: Arquero, Michael v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 19 C 1528
Settlement Amount: \$39,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Michael Arquero
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3308

Case: *Williams, Lamon v. Dart, et al.*
Case No: 21-cv-2605
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. and Lamon Williams
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3346

Case: Stamps, John v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 22 C 6765
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: John Stamps (\$6,000.00) / Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. (\$9,000.00)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3347

Case: Hipps, Robert v. Dart, et.al
Case No: 21 C 3801
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Robert Hipps (\$6,000.00) / Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. (\$9,000.00)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3348

Case: Smith, Lamont v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 20 C 1381
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Lamont Smith (\$6,000.00) / Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. (\$9,000.00)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

23-3349

Case: Green, James v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 20 C 1459
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: James Green (\$6,000.00) / Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. (\$9,000.00)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

23-3484

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau
Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments Following CCSAO-Litigated Settlements & Awards
Report Period: 05/24/2023 - 06/27/2023
Summary: Authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements & Awards

23-3314

REPORT

Department: Risk Management
Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements
Report Period: 05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023
Summary: Authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements

SAO OUTSIDE COUNSEL EXPENSE REPORT

23-3521

REPORT

Department: State's Attorney's Office
Report Title: Outside Counsel Quarterly Report
Report Period: 03/01/2023 - 05/31/2023
Summary: 2Q FY2023 Outside Counsel Expense in Civil Matters

QUARTERLY LITIGATION DISBURSEMENT REPORT

23-3316

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Quarterly Litigation Disbursement Report - Q2 FY 2023

Report Period: 03/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information paid proposed settlement for Q2 fiscal year 2023. Payments total \$4,047,530.39.

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

23-3334

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: File and Receive Patient Arrestees

Report Period: Month ending May 31, 2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the month ending May 31, 2023. Payments total: **\$14,748.21**

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

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

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

23-3107

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

Report Period: Month ending May 31, 2023

Summary: Submitting for your information a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending May 31, 2023 Total Recoveries: \$17,820.12 - Number of Recoveries: 5

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

23-3317

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending May 2023. Payments total \$1,449,602.84

COMPTROLLERS

23-3333

REPORT

Department: Comptroller

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: Five-month period ended April 30, 2023

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

HEALTH & HOSPITAL

23-3569

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: June 2023

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

23-3011

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

REPORT

Department: Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Report Title: Quarterly Update of the Long-Term Revenue Forecast

Report Period: FY 2023 -FY 2027

Summary: The following report updates the Long-Term Financial Plan provided to the Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission (IRFC) as of January 2023. This report includes a variance analysis comparing the two forecasts and provides an explanation for the significant variances, along with additional supporting details outlining progress made on the County’s sales tax projections. A summary of the impact of the revenue projections on our long-term expense projections for both the General and Health Funds is also included. We conclude with FY2023 project plans and an update on recent regional and relevant economic activity.

Legislative History : 5/25/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

23-3117

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TWELVE WEEK PAID PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to creating an inclusive environment for employees at every stage of their lives; and

WHEREAS, a consistent parental paid leave policy for all parents regardless of how an employee chooses to become a parent leads to equitability for all family structures; and

WHEREAS, traditional parental leave policies were not inclusive of the varied pathways to parenthood; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources has developed a Twelve Week Paid Parental Leave policy that would provide paid parental leave for the birth of a newborn (including gestational surrogacy) or the placement of a child with an employee in connection with adoption or foster care; and

WHEREAS, the Twelve Week Paid Parental Leave policy shall enable eligible employees to receive their full base salary for up to twelve weeks post-qualifying parental event; and

WHEREAS, Cook County shall adopt the Twelve Week Paid Parental Leave policy to offer all eligible full-time employees Twelve Week Paid Parental Leave, subject to collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible, the employee must have been a full-time employee with the County for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the first date of the leave request; and

WHEREAS, the employee must meet one of the following criteria to establish a qualifying parental event: 1) birth parent 2) non-birthing biological parent 3) intended parent of a gestational surrogacy 4) parent of adopted child or 5) foster parent placed with a foster child age 17 or younger; and

WHEREAS, employees with less than twelve (12) consecutive months of County employment, should contact the BHR Leave Manager or Agency Leave Manager to determine their eligibility for other leaves of absence offered pursuant to Personnel Rules or applicable statutes; and

WHEREAS, the 12-Week Paid Parental Leave is limited to one occurrence during a twelve (12) month period; and

WHEREAS, the Twelve Week Paid Parental Leave policy shall replace, supersede, and nullify the previous version(s) of Cook County Paid Parental Leave; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby authorize the Bureau of Human Resources to implement a Twelve Week Parental Leave policy on or before July 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County agencies and offices shall work with the Bureau of Human Resources to implement the Twelve Week Paid Parental Leave policy as drafted by the Bureau of Human Resources in all Cook County agencies and offices.

Legislative History : 5/25/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

23-3115

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANT PROGRAMS 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 Smart 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; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-4414 authorized BED to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the **Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$70,000,000** for small business grants to foster equitable small business recovery in Cook County from economic consequences of COVID-19 and catalyze sustainability of small businesses formed since the onset of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the small business grant program which came to be called the Grow Grant authorized under Resolution 22-4414 was rescinded in 2023 and has since be restructured; and

WHEREAS, BED hereby requests approval to amend its Subrecipient Agreement with **WBDC** in order to restructure the small business recovery grant initiatives which also includes small business recovery initiatives for veteran owned businesses in the amount of **\$1,000,000**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of an amended agreement by the BED to utilize ARPA funding for a multiyear agreement through Fiscal Year 2026, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the Bureau of Economic Development's ARPA funded **SMALL BUSINESS SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANT PROGRAM(S)**:

BED will amend its current Subrecipient Agreement with the **Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)** for an aggregate amount of up to **\$71,000,000** to support the administration and distribution of grants to support small business recovery and resiliency.

The program will provide grants to small businesses with less than 20 employees that have experienced hardships resulting from COVID-19. The Program will prioritize businesses located in suburban Cook County and businesses operating in industries negatively impacted by COVID as identified by the US Treasury. In addition, \$1,000,000 of the \$71,000,000 will support Cook County businesses owned by Veterans.

The Program through WBDC and Cook County will engage referral partners to implement the 2023 new small business grant program that provides capital paired with business advising and will coordinate with other County initiatives that support small businesses. The Program will support businesses to recover from the pandemic, scale their operations, and thrive in Cook County.

To achieve these objectives, the Bureau of Economic Development will annually invite organizations to participate in a network of approximately 30-35 Referral Partners that connect businesses to the Cook County Small Business Source advising services and grant programs. Referral Partners will each receive \$15,000 for their services to promote the Small Business Grant programs and the Cook County Small Business Source. In 2023 and 2024, Cook County will fund Referral Partners with Corporate Funds and the Women Business Development Center will fund all organizations receiving philanthropic support. Program requirements are the same regardless of funding source.

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 programs.

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.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANT PROGRAMS BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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To achieve these objectives, the Bureau of Economic Development will annually invite organizations to participate in a network of approximately 30-35 Referral Partners that connect businesses to the Cook County Small Business Source advising services and grant programs. Referral Partners will each receive \$15,000 for their services to promote the Small Business Grant programs and the Cook County Small Business Source. In 2023 and 2024, Cook County will fund Referral Partners with Corporate Funds and the Women Business Development Center will fund all organizations receiving philanthropic support. Program requirements are the same regardless of funding source.

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 programs.

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 : 5/25/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee


FINANCE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 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:	\$1,325,990.29
SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED:	\$147,729.11

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO PRESENT:	\$5,287,008.37
PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED:	\$8,401,259.34


Secretary