



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee**

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Gainer, Boykin, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

[17-4348](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/28/2017

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 17-4348. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Boykin, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

17-3210

Presented by: MICHAEL JASSO, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Department(s): Bureau of Economic Development

Other Part(ies): Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Board Approval

Good(s) or Service(s): Services to implement Cook County Workforce Ordinance

Agreement period: This Agreement shall commence upon execution by both parties and continue until 5/1/2018.

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Summary/Notes: The Cook County Workforce Resource Ordinance (the "Ordinance") was approved by the Board on 2/8/2017. The Ordinance is intended to facilitate the recruitment, training and placement of Cook County residents to fill position vacancies that are created as a result of industrial and commercial development, rehabilitation or expansion. The Ordinance requires recipients of tax incentives to enter into Workforce Resource Agreements with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership ("Partnership") to accomplish such intended goals.

Under the proposed Agreement, the Bureau of Economic Development will notify the Partnership of the receipt and approval of applications from employers for tax incentives and provide information to the Partnership regarding such employers. The Partnership will facilitate the recruitment and placement of Cook County residents in various businesses that are recipients of applicable County Tax Incentives under the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Boykin, to recommend for approval 17-3210. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Boykin, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

17-3960

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

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Grantee: Cook County Bureau of Economic Development

Grantor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: To support various community development, homeless and social services, affordable housing, and economic development activities in suburban Cook County.

Grant Amount:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$9,801,929.00

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): \$833,221.00

HOME Investment Partnerships: \$4,724,047.00

Grant Period:

CDBG: 10/1/2017-9/30/2018

ESG: 10/1/2017-9/30/2019

HOME: 10/1/2017-9/30/2022

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: 9421701, 9411701, 7721701

Concurrences:

Budget and Management Services has received all requisite documents, and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

Summary: Transmitted herewith are the proposed funding sources and uses for the 2017 Program Year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs.

These funds are provided to Cook County via an annual formula grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are restricted for use within suburban Cook County. The Planning and Development Subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) and the full EDAC are expected to approve these recommendations at public hearings which will be held in June.

The 2017 Program Year funding allocations are as follows:

CDBG: \$9,801,929.00
ESG: \$833,221.00
HOME: \$4,724,047.00

CDBG funding may be utilized to support various community development activities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons.

ESG funding may be utilized to support various shelter and service activities for the benefit of homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness.

HOME funding may be utilized to support affordable housing development activities for the benefit of low-income persons.

The proposed sources and uses of all program funds will be incorporated into the County's Annual Action Plan, which will be made available for public comment prior to submittal to HUD by 8/15/2017.

I respectfully request approval of the recommended proposed funding sources and uses for the 2017 CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds; and that the Bureau Chief of Economic Development or his/her designee be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Cook any and all documents necessary to further the approval herein, including but not limited to, subrecipient agreements, intergovernmental agreements, amendments, and modifications thereto, loan documents, lien assignments, releases of mortgages and liens, and mortgage assumptions.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to recommend for approval 17-3960. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Boykin, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Gainer, Boykin, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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