

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

FOR SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY THE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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 Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

WHEREAS, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal, the Justice Advisory Council has developed a menu of Safe and Thriving 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 Resolutions 22-3657 and 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, In June and July of 2022 the Cook County Board approved Resolutions 22-3550 and 22-4291 for the Justice Advisory Council’s (JAC) Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Awardees; and

WHEREAS, the JAC received 190 applications totaling requests for roughly \$500,000,000 for the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the JAC committed to searching for additional funding to support highly qualified applicants from ARPA Initiative NT897 : Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) reviewed and endorsed the JAC’s application review process for ARPA Initiative NT897 and has awarded the JAC \$25,002,942 to support funding an additional 39 Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction applicants, representing 74 organizations; and

WHEREAS, these awards will be made to applicants providing street outreach intervention, case management and victim services in the geographic areas defined as communities impacted by gun violence in the Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA) (430 ILCS 69); and

WHEREAS, the RPSA calls for a comprehensive approach to reducing firearm violence through targeted, integrated behavioral health services and economic opportunities in communities with the greatest concentration of firearm victims; and

WHEREAS, the OFVP has entered into a uniform grant agreement with Cook County to fund a diverse array of service providers focused on supporting residents at high risk of experiencing gun violence as either a victim or perpetrator in communities with the highest rates of shooting incidents and shooting-related homicides; and

WHEREAS, services funded shall include Victim Services, Case Management, Street Outreach and Intervention; and

WHEREAS, the total award from IDHS will be disbursed in two award periods with the first award totaling \$5,000,588 during an award period of 02/01/2023 – 06/30/2023, to align with the state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of the \$25,002,942 shall be awarded on or about 07/01/2023 for JAC to distribute to the 39 selected awardees for an award period running from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 23-767 approved the first disbursement of \$5,000,588 from IDHS-OFVS and this resolution serves as the disbursement for the remaining \$20,002,354; and

WHEREAS, The JAC has awarded over \$110 million to 90 awardees representing 151 organizations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreements by the Justice Advisory Council to utilize ARPA funding for multiyear terms through June 30, 2024, subject to appropriation by the Board in accordance with state and county fiscal years, for the Justice Advisory Council programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **A Hand Up Recovery** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$300,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide evidence-based practices to provide youth development, economic development, reentry, and violence prevention to the Austin, North Lawndale, and East Garfield communities. Victims of crime will receive assistance and information from victim advocates that empowers them to make informed decisions not only in their personal lives but also in relation to participation in the criminal justice system and the exercise of their rights. The program's objectives include to (1) increase victims' understanding of their rights as victims of crime, (2) increase victims' understanding of the public safety system, and (3) provide services and referrals to resources that assist victims in making informed choices in their lives. Street Outreach and violence interruption services will engage individuals who are at immediate and high risk of being either victims or perpetrators of violence.
2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,000,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program where the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) will provide comprehensive behavioral and social services as well as targeted street outreach efforts

to areas identified as experiencing high rates of community violence with high risk for poor social determinants of health including Auburn Gresham, South Shore, Washington Heights, West Englewood, West Pullman, South Lawndale, and South Suburbs. The program areas shall include, but are not limited to, hospital-based services, victim services, case management and street outreach and intervention. The TRC will provide 24-hour coverage through the TOWs at Advocate Children's Hospital Oak Lawn (ACH-OL), Advocate South Suburban Hospital (SSH), and Advocate Trinity Hospital (TRIN), which provide services to patients in the identified target areas who have experienced intentional violence. es.

3. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Bethel Family Resource Center** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$707,168.26** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide Prevention and Support Services, Victim Services and Case Management to 52 at-risk youth and their families in the Suburban Cook County City of Chicago Heights and surrounding communities that include Sauk Village, Ford Heights, South Chicago Heights, and Lynwood. Bethel Family Resource Center (BFRC) will provide employment services through their exiting WIOA and YouthBuild Programs framework to include youth ages 16 to 24 who are at high risk of being victims or perpetrators of gun violence and are exposed to high rates of shootings and/or homicide that fit the following criteria: (1) have left high school; (2) are adjudicated youth; (3) youth aging out of foster care; (4) pregnant or parenting; (5) homeless youth. (6) reside in areas exposed to high rates of shootings and/or homicide. This program will place priority on serving and providing young people with alternatives to committing crimes.

4. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Black Fire Brigade Org** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$500,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to prepare competent entry level Emergency Medical Technician Paramedics on the southside, and westside of Chicago in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate, and/or Emergency Medical Technician Basic, and/or First Responder levels. In addition, to educate professionals who can problem solve, using highly developed assessment skills, backed by a solid understanding of pathophysiology, and reinforced with clinical experiences, who are flexible and able to think beyond the established protocols.

5. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Center for Advancing Domestic Peace** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$300,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide violence prevention interventions and resources through a collaboration with local barber shops and beauty salons on the southside of Chicago. Barbers and stylists recruited to participate in the program will receive domestic violence training to prepare them as ambassadors for peace. Their shops and salons will serve as community resource centers, where posters, hotline information, and other resources will be found. The program will provide resources for victims of domestic violence as well as those who cause harm. Through a partnership with Barbers and Beauticians for Peace, additional mentoring programming will focus primarily on adults, age 18 and over, but it is expected that youth under 18 and as young as 12 years of age in the targeted communities will benefit from the program. The program will encourage youth participation in prosocial activities such as the creation of murals for peace that support prevention of domestic violence and gun violence

6. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Center for New Horizons** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$799,583.40** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to support 100 low-income, at-risk youth 16-24 years old, to gain skills, obtain credentials and/or enter post-secondary education, obtain earning power, and enter the

workforce through career pathways: culinary, medical assistance, and custodial maintenance. All pathways offer Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, intensive case management, supportive and follow-up services to not only engage youth, but also support them in staying engaged and succeeding. Additionally, the program offers academic support and re-engagement in academics (obtaining a GED or enrolling in post-secondary education) in a supportive environment so youth can gain the skills, resources, and knowledge necessary to succeed. Centers ensures youth served access an array of services such as childcare, financial assistance, crisis counseling and other youth services, wrap-around services and more. The target population for the SHIFT Chicago Project is disadvantaged, work-eligible youth and young adults, 16-24 years of age, who are disengaged from education and/or justice involved and who lack job readiness and vocational skills to enter the workforce and need support to be successful in pursuing educational/post-educational and career/employment goals.

7. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Chicago Adventure Therapy** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$108,440.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to focus on violence prevention work in Cook County by using nature-based and adventure-based outdoor sports and activities as a means of engaging youth who don't want to participate in services, and to build trusting relationships with them. The program will also provide leadership development with older youth and young adults between the ages of 12-24 in Chicago, primarily on the south and west sides, in Adventure Communities, as a means for victim support, both to process grief or other negative feelings, and to encourage alternate behaviors. The program will offer nature-based respite and processing for families affected by gun violence. The sequence of programming is designed to engage young people in the Pre-Contemplation stage of change – they are not considering behavior change and may not see reason for it. Programming is designed to move participants through the stages of change, so that young people and family members will process difficult feeling and change negative or dangerous behaviors. The program will also provide violence prevention and outreach programming, both as programming that stands on its own and as recruitment activities for the deeper, higher threshold emotional support and leadership development group.

8. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$750,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to deliver victim services and case management programming in the Roseland community. The HOPE House is physically located in a sub area of the community called Kensington Park. This area is bordered by 115th St to the North, 123rd to the South, State Street to the West and the Metra Electric Line to the East. The target population for the HOPE House programming would be youth and young adults aged 10-24. The HOPE House will offer clinical services and emotional support services through art, mentorship and recreation. In addition, participants will receive case management and an array of wrap around services to ensure program success. Activities of the program include the following: Daily individual and group therapy sessions, Youth Art Trauma Camp, Youth Sports Camp, Skill-building and job readiness training, Health and wellness activities, and Monthly mentorship outings.

9. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Christian Community Health Center** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$750,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to address trauma through community collaboration, increased access to mental health services and support, and mentoring and workforce development opportunities. The program will provide Case Management through the Community-Clinic Based Healthcare services. The targeted population is youth and young adults between the ages of 15 and 29. The population will consist of males, females and non-binary gender persons

residing on Chicago's southside specifically bordered as far north as 71st street, as far west as Kedzie, as far east as Indiana border and as far south as 115th street. A central component of the initiative is the deployment of a mobile application through Clinify Health, which all persons within the Chicago metropolitan area and Cook County may download the application. Persons that do download the application will have available to them regularly schedule weekly (and in some instances) daily cues, reminders and educational resources for conflict resolution, mindfulness, victim services and preventive health information.

10. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Communities in Schools of Chicago (CISC)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$745,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to focus on increasing the protective factors of the students it serves by fostering positive outcomes that are related to being connected to caring adults, maintaining relationships with more positive or supportive peers, and being connected to services intended to support their social emotional well-being and performance and progress in school. CISC proposes to implement the evidence-based Integrated Student Supports (ISS) program model. In addition to prevention and support services, victim services, and case management will be provided and include the following: (1) Provision of treatment services for mental health and/or co-occurring disorders including post trauma intervention, (2) one-on-one, group, and peer mentoring/counseling to address current and past exposure to violence in student environment, (3) cognitive behavioral therapy, (4) trauma-informed services, and (5) student case management. CISC will serve elementary and high school students in Chicago Public Schools in Austin and West Garfield Park. The ISS program model supports CISC's mission of surrounding students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life by addressing risk factors and increasing protective factors against violence.

11. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$645,745.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide access to thriving preventative measures and resources to ensure South Suburban Cook County residents can raise their children and live without the fear of violence in their respective communities. The program will utilize preventative resources (restorative practices training, mentoring, fundamentals of golf, leadership development & outreach), and support services (access to mental health services, peer counseling, youth advocacy, parent programs, etc.) for victims, case management services, and community outreach services to address gun violence, school violence, and violence in the homes and communities of residents within South Suburban Cook County. The program will incorporate victim services and case management by providing access at no cost to youth, families or stakeholders; to mental health services, evidence based training in restorative practices and curriculum as well as enhancement and/or implementation of chronic absenteeism and truancy programs within our surrounding school districts, which are inclusive of our ancillary services including, after school mentoring programs, parent programs, peer counseling, peer mediation, youth advocacy, learning the fundamentals of golf and entrepreneurial/leadership trainings; to all residents that reside inside the 35 municipalities housed within the South Suburban Cook County townships of Bremen, Bloom, Rich & Thornton.

12. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Cornerstone Community Development Corporation** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$590,741.15** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide Case Management services. The agency intends to provide these services in Cook County's South Suburbs with primary service areas comprised of Ford Heights, Glenwood, Lansing, Lynwood, and Sauk Village.. Services

include case management, referral services for other areas (i.e., housing assistance, recovery support services, and safety net support), and through the Securing Opportunities for Success (S.O.S.) program, providing free training, certifications, access to gainful employment. The SOS program is a comprehensive workforce development and life skill development program designed to assist hard to employ individuals impacted by incarceration and/or gun violence as a pathway to provide them opportunities to obtain the necessary skills they need to succeed and deter criminal activity. SOS is designed to help individuals obtain the necessary skills and jobs to help them “Stabilize, Sustain, and Empower!”. Additional services include computer literacy and numeracy training, job training and life skill development for adults ages 18 and older comprised of low-income individuals, ex-offenders and community members impacted by incarceration. Female heads of households are also one of the targeted populations for this program. Supportive services and coaching on an ongoing basis are essential parts of the program to ensure stabilization and self-sufficiency.

13. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Fathers Who Care (FWC)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$300,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide activities and efforts that promote and provide comprehensive support and resources to the West Garfield Park community that bond intergenerational growth and development between youth, adults and seniors while addressing the needs of safety throughout the community. The proposed Fathers Who Care Gun Violence Prevention Program will address the current surge of gun violence in Cook County by supporting residents at high risk of experiencing gun violence as either a victim or perpetrator in the West Garfield Park, one of the communities with the highest rate of shooting incidents and shooting related homicides. The goal of the ‘Too Good for Violence Youth Initiative’ in the Garfield Park and Austin community is to bring youth awareness to violence prevention and reducing individual and group conflicts. Using the “C.A.R.E.–ing” approach to violence prevention FWC teach young male students with strong and aggressive personalities: conflict resolution, anger management, respect for self and others, and effective communication skills, in addition to social and emotional intelligence learning. The Too Good for Violence Youth Initiative program combines academic motivation, cultural enrichment, career cultivation and recreational activities assisting in the development of a wide range of skill sets necessary for youth participants to complete physical and spiritual development. Through extensive role modeling from program facilitators, young participants will learn to become more optimistic, intelligent, emotionally well-balanced and caring young people. Additionally, the program has offered special empowerment groups: “Life Building Systems for Success”, “Gangs and the Socialization of Young Males” and “Etiquette”.

14. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Friendly Temple Church of God** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$299,605.40** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to address gun-related and domestic violence (in youth homes), and provide prevention and support services, hospital and health-based services, mental health, and street outreach and intervention services (community-based events) on Chicago’s South Side primarily in the Chatham, Englewood, and Roseland neighborhoods. The program will deliver two 12-week programs to address conflict mediation, alternatives to violence, law enforcement relations, mental health, health disparities, mindfulness and provide violence prevention measures and strategies, transportation assistance, guest speakers, access to technology, completion scholarships of \$400 or \$50/class and field trips under our “Lunch With Law” program, a nonviolence-centered “Chatham Forward Block Party”, “Health Fair Fun Fest” for the entire South Side community hosted at Friendly Temple, and community connections and conversations with law enforcement.

15. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Gads Hill Center** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$705,584.50** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to address the immediate need for emotional support that arises from violent occurrences such as gun shootings, domestic violence, and gang activity. The “Healthy Minds, Healthy Schools” program provides crisis support to students, including those who were directly victimized, were witnesses to the violence, or had family members or friends victimized. The crisis support addresses the shock, grief, fear, anger, and other emotions experienced by students and their family members through individual counseling, victim support groups, and family therapy. Healthy Minds, Healthy Schools will provide on-going support to students who have mental and behavioral health issues that are related to trauma brought about by being victimized or witnessing violence. Clinicians will also work with perpetrators of violence, such as students who have been fighting, to reduce the likelihood of continued violent actions and the consequences that may result. To address the impact of violence on the students, Gads Hill Center clinicians will work with students on coping strategies, trauma and resilience, grief and loss, conflict resolution, anger management, mindfulness and relaxation, self-esteem, social engagement, and self-care. In addition, case managers will support individual students and their families to access community services such as primary health care, after-school programs, and family support programs. The schools with Healthy Minds, Healthy Schools clinicians are located in the Chicago South Cluster: Hansberry College Prep, Baker College Prep, and Wentworth Elementary School are in the key community areas of Auburn Gresham, South Chicago, and West Englewood, respectively. In the Chicago West Cluster, Lovett Elementary School and Sayre Language Academy are in Austin and Chicago Bulls College Prep is in Near West Side. In addition, other schools are located near key community areas.

16. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Habilitative Systems, Inc.** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$999,867.16** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to engage community youth, improve emotional wellness, support youths with serious mental health challenges, divert youth from deviant and criminal behaviors, reduce risks of violence, and reduce recidivism rates. The R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Our Youth III program will focus on all five priority program areas: prevention/support services, victim services, case management, hospital-based services, and street outreach/intervention. The program’s overarching goal is to address systemic challenges, such as community violence, that negatively impact youth, young adults, and families through evidence-based practices that promote prosocial youth development, restorative justice, and safety. The targeted populations to be serviced are low-income communities of color. Specifically, the Chicago communities of North Lawndale, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, and Austin. Services provided by R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Our Youth III will result in improved behaviors and attitudes, improvements in public safety, reductions in youth violence, reductions in recidivism, increased family engagement and familial relationships, and increased awareness in violence prevention and intervention strategies. Youth participants will receive a variety of therapeutic techniques, social support, and counseling that will increase their interpersonal relationships, resiliency, academic achievement, and socioemotional intelligence.

17. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Heartland Human Care Services** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,000,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to decrease violence involvement among those at highest risk of being victims or perpetrators of gun violence; create alternate paths and viable opportunities for participants to change their life trajectory; and decrease criminal legal system involvement; and help build a community-level infrastructure that promotes long-term safety and opportunity in Chicago’s most marginalized communities which include Englewood, West Englewood, Austin, North Lawndale, and West Garfield Park. The program will leverage and expand upon

relationships built through REO's current model in order to implement more extensive street outreach and victim services in order to more deeply engage individuals who are at high risk of violence involvement. The program will hire a new street outreach team who will rapidly respond to neighborhood shootings. Outreach workers will work to de-escalate, mediate and to support victims and families; become familiar with community members, and interact informally with at-risk individuals. Case managers will meet with program participants to complete needs assessments that will identify resource need; make referrals, link program participants to services; provide support to program participants' family members/support systems, where appropriate. This new work will also aid the organization in building even stronger relationships with other Englewood Street outreach teams it has previously worked with, such as Target Area Development Corps, Southwest Organizing Project, and Public Equity.

18. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Lawndale Christian Legal Center (LCLC)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,000,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide street outreach, case management, restorative justice practices, and legal services to justice involved juveniles and emerging adults from Chicago communities that are significantly affected by violence and crime (Austin, East Garfield Park, Little Village, North Lawndale, Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, and West Englewood). Justice Rising primarily addresses gun violence, street violence, and physical violence, including gun violence, assaults, fights, robberies, carjacking, murder, attempted murder, domestic violence, drug dealing, breaking into homes, and shootings. All forms of violence are addressed through the community-based holistic model by providing every juvenile and young adult with a support team that includes street outreach, intensive case management, various healing circles, an attorney, and wraparound supports with community partners. LCLC surrounds each youth with a team of stable, trusted adult figures that provide a host of services that address unmet social needs and prevent further violence, crime, and poverty. Outreach staff work to prevent and intervene in violent incidents in the community and outreach teams are comprised of individuals with lived experience who are particularly skilled at mentoring and relationship-building with our highest risk clients.

19. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Leave No Veteran Behind (LNVB)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$558,449.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to address violence by improving community resilience as well as fostering opportunity and equity. Through street intervention/outreach, LNVB seeks to directly engage individuals impacted by gun violence (e.g. victims, witnesses, family members and care takers) by offering direct and/or coordinated supports to aid community members in meeting their overall well-being, reduce trauma/adverse effects, and obtain supports after being impacted by violence. LNVB will work to improve community resilience and safety through resources to mitigate violence by leveraging our members to provide peer support services and resources for those impacted by violence. Leave No Veteran Behind proposes to continue its work in community safety in high violence neighborhoods through its eight-member Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction intervention services program by conducting large-scale community street outreach/education services, and by supporting victims and their families in two under-resourced, low-income, high-crime South Side neighborhoods (South Chicago and Chatham) in which LNVB already is providing programming and interventions. LNVB will work with community leaders and members, health care centers, law enforcement and social service providers to identify those at high risk of violence in order to intervene and provide support, as well as building trust amongst community members and law enforcement. LNVB's team will conduct outreach and education at more than 10 sites in identified communities (faith communities, nonprofits, etc. with an average of 5 organizations per community). This will be

accomplished through facilitating: 6 psychological first aid trainings for 150 community peer leaders, 3 conflict management and de-escalation training for 150 community peer leaders, 4 CPR and first aid trainings, creating peer support groups for those who have suffered violence, and referrals to mental health agencies that specialize in supporting those who are impacted by violence.

20. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **NDICA** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$749,889.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide violence interruption and intervention programs, peace circles, workforce development, that includes recruiting, training, paid internships, vocational training, entrepreneurship and management training, and job placement. Reducing risk factors is accomplished by assisting participants with job training, business readiness, vocational training, social skills, peace circles, and financial literacy services. The mission is to create a peaceful and flourishing community and to reduce barriers contributing to the lack of representation of those most impacted by gun violence, predominantly people of color and other marginalized community members. To accomplish this mission, NDICA engages populations and communities most harmed by gun violence and systemic racism to create pathways for employment, education and trauma informed care, services and programming. NDICA's programs will focus on remedying the ability of priority populations and communities to achieve upward mobility and economic security by assisting them in expunging criminal records, financial literacy, mentorship, providing job training and internship programs, vocational training, entrepreneur training, job placement, and violence prevention/intervention programming. NDICA will address homicide, gun violence, violent crimes, youth violence and gang violence in the areas of Prevention/Support initiatives, Case Management and Street Outreach/Intervention in the geographical areas of Little Village, Pilsen, Englewood, Roseland and the Chicago South Suburb cluster.

21. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **NEBC Employment Resource Services** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$349,998.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide Hospitality and Culinary Arts training primarily to young adults (age 18 and older), including recent high school graduates, in the neighborhoods of Austin, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, North Lawndale, West Humboldt Park, and Belmont Cragin. NEBC proposes to address the area of violence reduction by providing training in this program to not only provide youth with necessary skills for gainful employment, but also a pipeline to opportunities after completion of the program. In order to provide a comprehensive and holistic approach to breaking cycles of violence in Austin and surrounding communities, regular group mental health support sessions will be provided and administered by a licensed practitioner. NEBC will prioritize Street Outreach/Intervention for this project and proposes to utilize these funds to expand and enhance existing programming that addresses violence reduction in the Austin neighborhood and surrounding communities through a comprehensive training and employment pipeline program focused on hospitality and culinary arts for youth and young adults. The program will engage participants from the 16-17-year-old age range and offer variations on programming, while participants aged 18 and up will work toward attaining a Food Handler's License. Their younger peers will work within the Serve Save model in which they will learn basic sanitation skills in a culinary setting. In both cases, the participants will have the opportunity to gain skills that will increase their prospects for employment for them in the future.

22. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Nehemiah Group** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$750,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to take abundant and existing community assets (vacant lots, at-risk young people, etc.) and

creatively manage them to provide a holistic, bottom-up community development solution. The Nehemiah Group will achieve tangible and measurable progress in reducing poverty through sustainable job creation, improving the natural environment with an innovative solar-powered irrigation system and alleviating trauma through creative and outdoor experiences. The Nehemiah Group is expanding its Prison to Flower Farm Pipeline over the next 18 months the program will partner with the Cook County Juvenile Probation Services and other organizations that directly refer justice system-involved youth to our program, where we prepare them for a career in the flower industry. In addition, the Nehemiah Group has partnered with Cook County Jail to establish an onsite job training program and build 4 greenhouses. Critically, this will extend growing season into the winter and allow our flower shop Southside Blooms to retain employees (program participants) year-round (florists, drivers, etc.). The urban agriculture program teaches life skills through our flower farms in Chicago (Englewood, Washington Park, West Garfield Park, and West Woodlawn), employing a project-based learning model to engage participants.

23. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **New Eclipse Community Alliance (NECA)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$750,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide comprehensive violence prevention to Englewood, Southwest side Cluster, North Lawndale, South Shore, and other surrounding communities across Cook County. The proposed program will provide street outreach and intervention, prevention services, and case management. Street outreach and intervention will seek to recruit, educate, and engage community residents. Prevention services will include restorative justice strategies, such as peace circles, job readiness training, safety projects to foster youth voice, soft skills training, and social emotional learning activities. Case management will be provided to justice-involved youth and adults or at-risk youth. By creating a support network for individuals at risk of being perpetrators of gun violence and those who are at risk of being victims, NECA will effectively create a strong strategy to reduce violence, decrease recidivism, and increase safety in target communities.

24. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School (NLCP)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$749,405.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to prevent violence by spreading peace throughout schools and helping keep students off of the streets through prevention and support services. This grant will allow North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School to expand the programs it currently offers, such as the Peace Warrior program, beyond the student body so we can impact families, community organizations, and other schools. NLCP currently employs 3 team members who run the Peace Warriors program on top of their duties as teachers. The Peace Warriors has been in existence at NLCP since 2009 and is a nationally recognized program that follows the 6 principles of Kingian Nonviolence. These students help de-escalate conflict at NLCP and in the community and are examples of how to live peaceful lives. The program will support the continuation of the following NLCP programs: Drama Therapy and Social Work. These programs have a mission to heal trauma. NLCP has found the following programs to be successful and beneficial to its students and give them the social and emotional skills necessary to heal their trauma and succeed in college.

25. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Opportunity OAI, Inc.** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,000,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to implement Train to Prosperity, a new collaborative, innovative approach to combating gun violence. Train to Prosperity is a gun violence prevention program that will provide Prevention and Support Services, Case Management, and Street Outreach and Intervention to address all types of violence, as eliminating the stress of poverty alleviates a

primary underlying cause of crime and acts of violence. More specifically, this program targets gun and other types of violent acts instigated by the need for resources – primarily robbery and assault. Through Train to Prosperity initiative, OAI will serve a total of 70 participants with technical training during the 18-month period via Prevention and Support Services, Case Management, and Street Outreach and Intervention. The Train to Prosperity consortium will serve another 200 youth per year (300 over 18 months) through the robotics competition initiative and 300 additional adults per year (450 over 18 months) through direct expungement clinic services. The program consists of a large consortium of training and service partners: OAI, Inc., as the lead applicant, Chicago Southland Economic Development Corp (CSEDC), Prairie State College, Governors State University and its Supply Chain Innovation and Business Incubator, National Diversity in Cannabis Alliance (NDICA), LifeHouse Group, Sertoma Centre, and TransfR. Partners will use their combined skills, services, and networks to magnify impacts on reduction of gun violence in Cook County’s Southland.

26. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$699,191.92** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to improve the overall community landscape and will promote health, safety, and economic prosperity. The PLCCA Gun Violence Prevention Program activities are constructed using a positive youth development framework that emphasizes physical development, cognitive development, and socioemotional development. The program will offer evidence-based curriculums, leadership opportunities, workforce and job training, and individual and group counseling sessions. In addition to connecting youth to educational opportunities, employment and career paths, and treatment services to promote recovery and resilience. Positive youth development programs provide youth with networks of supportive adults. Research indicates that young people who are surrounded by a variety of opportunities for positive encounters engage in less risky behavior and ultimately show evidence of higher rates of successful transitions into adulthood. The program will incorporate a holistic approach and provide a range of opportunities for youth to gain the skills and competencies necessary for successful adulthood. With the integration of evidence-based curriculum, treatment services, and opportunities to earn money, youth are given tools to improve their lives and to become productive in their homes, schools, and community. The target communities of service highlight that continued economic, educational, mental and social health services are needed to address issues of poverty, violence, gang involvement, and underemployment in PLCCA targeted areas of East and West Garfield Park, North Lawndale, Austin, Maywood, Bellwood, and Broadview.

27. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Ring of Hope** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$644,889.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to serve youth (age 15+) and adults (age 18 and older) by implementing the following program components as part of a three-pronged approach to addressing violence, gun violence and victimization: ROH New Vision Workforce Development, ROH Wellness Center, and ROH Food Pantry. The proposed services within these programs will be provided to participants in locations in the Greater Grand Crossing and South Chicago community corridors. Activities that will be implemented within these programs include (but not limited to) the following: adult and youth workforce development services, case management, individual counseling, group counseling, community outreach events, and food distribution.

28. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **River City** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$725,952.60** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant – ARPA Initiative NT897**, a program to provide the following victim services: (1) Expanded paid workforce development opportunities for participating youth during non-school time, (2)

trauma-informed, holistic services and activities that promote prosocial individual and community engagement, and (3) youth leadership and skills development in the west side of Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. These coordinated wrap-around services will provide youth and young adults an early and expanded entry into the adult world of work, an opportunity to earn legitimate income, group identity, belonging, protection, and leadership development, all within the Harambee family; thus putting a number of supports in place to counter the risks of associated with social related determinants of violence. The heart of Harambee is three seasons of apprenticeships (Fall, Spring, Summer) that pay apprentices ages 12-18 an educational stipend for their learning. The program operates five days weekly, with youth attending one classroom session per day of service. Classroom sessions (teaching both the hard skills of tuckpointing and the soft skills of career readiness, budgeting, and conflict resolution) are supplemented by hands-on service on real-world projects.

29. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Roll Call** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$222,514.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant – ARPA Initiative NT897**, a program to serve a total of 60 youth ages 16 to 24 over an 18-month period, in three cohorts. Roll Call will serve primarily the North Lawndale Service Area, and surrounding west side communities, East Garfield Park and West Garfield Park. Roll Call's Successful Entrepreneur Employment Development, "SEED" program is a community and family-based intervention program to decrease community gun violence, to address antisocial behaviors in adolescent and young adults' and to provide them with community-based resources. Roll Call will offer young people an opportunity to engage in developing life skills that will be rewarding and empowering as they grow into adulthood. In recognizing restorative practices will be needed, the program will offer biweekly peace circles. Roll Call will provide programming that's intention are to promote participant leadership development and empowerment to change young people conditions and foster a thriving and flourishing community. Leadership development training will cover the following topics: branding & marketing, doing business in Illinois, public speaking, financial literacy, conflict resolution, continuing education, responsibility and accountability of leadership. In addition, the following foundational concepts have been included: career development, self-empowerment, therapeutic self-care, cultural awareness, critical thinking, problem solving, decision making.

30. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Safer Foundation** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,000,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant – ARPA Initiative NT897**, a program to replace violence, build hope and change lives of at-risk individuals in our targeted communities. The program will utilize trauma-informed, evidence-based, and holistic services that provide stabilization across an array of violence determinants including physical and mental health, behavioral and socio-economic circumstances. Safer proposes to utilize innovative community outreach and engagement, violence prevention strategies which are backed by comprehensive case management practices and support services for at least 75 persons over the grant performance period. The program introduces early community intervention and peace building initiatives coupled with strong case management at a crucial make-or-break time for reentry success. Safer's Supportive Reentry Network (SRN) will facilitate targeted delivery of and access to Safer's full-spectrum of wrap-around services while anchoring around Workforce Development pathways. The holistic approach targets critical service gaps typically found in communities defined by economic hardship, social marginalization, and high levels of gun violence. In addition, the Community Outreach and Engagement efforts will include direct program recruitment, paid vocational skills training, community education, and community led problem solving townhall meetings, peace intervention specialists, and a Peace Intervention initiative. The program will target Chicago

South including Englewood, West Englewood, Auburn Gresham, Roseland, Chatham, West Pullman, South Chicago, Washington Heights, Grand Boulevard, Gage Park, South Deering, Calumet Heights, East Side. The Safer Supportive Reentry Network will serve primarily adults aged 18 and over who reside in communities heavily impacted by gun violence and other forms of community harm resulting from population shifts, economic disinvestment, and other characteristics of poverty and inequities of resource allocation.

31. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **St. Agatha Catholic Church** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$742,900.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide intensive services, including regular contact with a Mentor/Coach, connection to mental health, substance abuse and other services as needed, monthly family meetings and activities, and positive activities for youth. St. Agatha works to bring both needed resources to this population and to the whole community, as well as to support people in making safer and wiser choices for short term survival and long-term thriving. More than resources, people need connection and a sense of belonging to successfully navigate change. Ending isolation and forming relationships is a key component of Whole Family Mentoring where human connection is centered and within that context, resources are named, gathered, and accessed. St. Agatha's "Strengthening Our Families: Healing Trauma and Building Resiliency through Whole Family Mentoring" program will serve at least 75 families in North Lawndale, East and West Garfield Park on Chicago's west side who are at risk of gun violence. All three of these westside Chicago communities struggle with poverty, poor quality education, lack of living wage employment opportunities, livable and affordable housing, violence, and drug addiction. St. Agatha will hire and train 10 mentors to work with 5 families each. They will have a primary mentee but will work with the entire household to identify strengths, goals, and needed resources and to connect these 50 families with local programs and opportunities.

32. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **TGi Movement** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$748,488.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to: (1) Create safe and inclusive safes where youth can connect with one another across neighborhood boundaries creating a network and a sense of brother/sisterhood amongst themselves, (2) engage youth in various topics across the spectrum (e.g., mental health, entrepreneurship) that can position them for success, (3) expose the youth to new opportunities, and (4) help youth create a sense of belonging and ownership within their communities. TGi Movement commits to providing services in four key southwest side community areas: Chicago Lawn, Englewood, Gage Park, and West Englewood. TGi will service these community areas by expanding its current Omega Chi Omega from a summer to a year-round program. Omega Chi Omega program will serve at-risk youth between the ages of 13 to 24 years of age. Omega Chi Omega will include (but is not limited to) community events, workforce development, youth employment, mental health resources, shark tank experiences, service projects, and more. Omega Chi Omega proposed services are Prevention/Support Services & Street Outreach/Intervention.

33. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **The Blessed Child** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$481,767.60** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide comprehensive gun violence prevention and reduction in Chicago's Englewood community. The Blessed Child will provide the Englewood community with high level violence interruption, outreach and mediation services. The program will focus on street outreach services utilizing the violence interrupter model. This model employs "violence interrupters" or "neighborhood change agents" who are skilled in intervention and supporting people on their change journeys. These professionals have credibility in the communities where they work. They reach out to those at the center of gun violence in their communities, build

relationships, and work to support healing and address conflict through nonviolent means, including de-escalation and mediation. The program will also offer wrap-around support through comprehensive case management and referral services in areas such as housing assistance, continued education and employment training/placement. The Blessed Child will provide violence and crisis intervention and ongoing support services with trained outreach workers from the community who will engage and target the highest-risk perpetrators and victims and will provide crisis response and immediate support when incidences of gun violence occur within neighborhoods. The outreach workers will also support the extended familial and peer network of these high-risk individuals and provide case management to connect these individuals to services to mitigate future incidences of community violence. Outreach workers provide ongoing assessments of the participant's risk level and provide referrals and support to contribute to risk reduction and goal attainment. The participants are contacted a minimum of four times a month. Proactive prevention services will be provided to those not at imminent risk but who are considered high-risk of becoming perpetrators of violence. Prevention services include case management, restorative justice, legal support, workforce development, education and family support.

34. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **UR Chicago Alliance** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$749,375.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide street outreach and intervention, prevention and support services, and case management services in the Rogers Park neighborhood to address gun violence prevention through expanded capacity in our job preparedness programs which focuses on reintegrate of ex-felons and those within our neighborhood who have evidenced high risk behaviors prone to violence. UR Alliance Chicago proposes a culturally responsive community led approach that accepts the reality that racial discrimination does psychological damage and that the solution to those harmed needs to be addressed through positive change. The target population to be served is African American adults over the age of 18, who are the majority of shooter and shooting victims in Cook County. However, services will be open to all who are at-risk for violence that wish to apply. UR Chicago Alliance will provide the following services: Prevention Intervention and Support, Job Readiness and Life Skills Training, Cohorts (Quarters with multiple job training sessions), Street Outreach and Intervention Services, and Case Management.

35. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Veteran Youth Corps** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$166,213.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to help address gun violence in Cook County, by offering supervised peer counseling to individuals returning to society from the criminal justice system, those on parole from IDOC / prison, as well as those released from Cook County jail, and those on probation, supervision or diversion. Services will include a combination of case management and street outreach/interventions and leverage the evidence-based recovery coaching model for substance use disorders, customizing the model for the unique needs of the reentry population, often including those recovering from substance use disorders. The program will serve approximately 200 returning citizens. The program's geographic focus is Chicago's south side, specifically the community areas and neighborhoods of South Shore, Washington Park, Woodlawn, Chatham, Greater Grand Crossing and South Chicago. Veteran Youth Corps plans to address the diverse needs of the reentry community, by offering and delivering local, personalized peer coaching and counseling, thereby helping to reduce recidivism and crime on Chicago's south side.

36. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **The Westside Justice Center Inc.** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$299,817.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and**

Reduction Grant, a program to provide street outreach/intervention and supporting services, including legal assistance and civic engagement, as well as outreach services supporting families at high risk of violence, connecting individuals and families to services and employment opportunities, and creating opportunities for positive engagement. These services will contribute to community protective factors that reduce the risk of violence and promote individuals and communities' resilience to violence. The program will primarily serve adults and families on the west side of Chicago in Austin, North Lawndale and East Garfield Park Neighborhoods.

37. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$746,349.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant – ARPA Initiative NT897**, a program to provide victim services to students and their families that include the proposed interventions of education, mental health services, trauma-informed services and case management. Youth Connection Charter School (YCCS) will provide a comprehensive, priority program of Prevention, Education, and Intervention (PEI) Initiative to respond to the immediate and continuing needs of victims of violence and trauma resulting from the threat, engagement in and observation of gun violence. In addition to a robust program of acute academic and social-emotional interventions in reading, math, attendance and behaviors which are critical to student success. Dropout prevention strategies include personalized learning environments, rigorous instruction, college preparatory sequence of study, ongoing monitoring and tracking of student outcomes and progress, character building and behavioral education, mentoring, and enrichment and intervention support. Youth Connection Charter School will collaborate with a single partner, WestCare-IL (WC-IL) to serve youth in the west side communities of Chicago in an 18-month program (2 – cohorts) beginning in January 2023 and concluding in June 2024, scaled to provide intensive support that will lead to the outcomes of high school graduation, growth in attendance and growth in reading and math. The program addresses gun violence in the targeted communities through the delivery of Victim Services: education, prevention and interventional strategies provided by YCCS (Educational Partner) and WestCare Illinois' Seven Challenges Program (Mental Health Partner). The proposed program will be sited at three of YCCS' campuses located on the west side of Chicago in Austin, East Garfield Park, and North Lawndale. The campuses are, respectively, YCCS-West, Academy of Scholastic Achievement and CCA Academy. YCCS CARES PEI Initiative will serve 42 students and their family members at the three campuses during the first cohort and 84 students during the second cohort for a total of 126 students (along with their respective families and community) under the funding from this grant.

38. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Youth Guidance** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$616,013.50** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to provide case management/crisis response services that will take the agency's work in Cook County to the next level by reaching youth and families who are among Chicago's most vulnerable to gun violence and providing them with counseling and wraparound supports and resources that can address specific challenges and provide a pathway to a successful future. Youth Guidance will meet a longstanding need in the agency and community through Community Connections, a mobile Case Management/Crisis Response team that will be available to its more than 120 partner schools in Chicago and south suburban Cook County. The multifaceted team will be led by a Program and Partnerships Manager supervising a clinical Counselor available to provide counseling supports to schools and individuals in crisis, and Resource Specialists who will provide case management services through collaborative relationships with service providers, leveraging a wide variety of resources for students and

families. This effort is anticipated to serve up to 300 individuals/families and 20 schools over the grant period.

39. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **YMCA Metropolitan Chicago** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$750,000.00** to implement the **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant**, a program to create the Community Violence Response and Support Services (CVRSS) program for south Cook County. Through this program, the YWCA will provide employment services, counseling, court and law enforcement advocacy and accompaniment and case management services to adult victims 18 and older of gun violence and other violent crimes in South Cook County. Counseling services will also be provided to secondary victims ages 3 and above. Economic Empowerment services will target adults 18 and over who are unemployed, under-employed, and from low-to moderate-income households. Key activities will include: (1) Trauma-informed counseling services for victims of crime and violence, designed to reduce trauma symptoms, increase resilience and functioning, and interrupt the cycle of violence, (2) case management services designed to assess an individual's areas of greatest need and connect them to the supports and resources required to meet those needs, (3) medical and legal advocacy to assist individuals in navigating the complex health and justice systems and understanding their rights and choices, (4) economic empowerment services including one-on-one coaching, employment training in high-growth, high-demand careers, digital inclusion training, financial inclusion, and housing access, and (5) job placement services and follow-up retention for up to one year. Program participants will be adult survivors of gun and community violence. Based on community demographics, the majority of participants will be Black and Latinx survivors and secondary victims. Participants will reside in South Cook County community areas including Blue Island, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Chicago Heights, Dolton, Harvey, Markham, Park Forest, Riverdale, Sauk Village, and South Holland. Specific program outreach will be focused on the communities of Chicago Heights, Park Forest and Markham. |