



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,
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New Items Agenda

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ARPA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES INITIATIVE 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 an initiative 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.

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 Fiscal Year 2025, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the Justice Advisory Council programs and initiatives as follows:

- 1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Crisis Center for South Suburbia** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,215,000.00** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, for their program “The Lifeline”, where Crisis Center for South Suburbia will (1) operate a hotline where victims are able to access a fully customized chat with a domestic violence counselor or legal advocate for victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, (2) support staffing of programs for individuals under Adult Protective Services protections and housed by Crisis Center for South Suburbia, (3) work directly with Senior and Disability service agencies, and (3) provide emergency assistance for victims in need of food, travel, housing, legal assistance and other costs through their “Client Incentive Program”.
- 2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,499,994.00** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, a program where The Network will connect domestic violence victims and survivors to emergency transportation, funding for food, and housing in hotel placements in partnership with the ReLo Share Safe Stays Program. Individuals fleeing domestic violence and being supported by this program will also receive case management services for average of 45 days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby also acknowledges the issuance of the following agreements by the Justice Advisory Council, for amounts under \$1M, as follows:

- 1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **American Indian Health Services** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$399,743.36** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514**, a program where American Indian Health Services will provide American Indian/Alaska Native populations access to culturally competent trauma-informed care for domestic violence intervention and support. This will include, but not be limited to, a Domestic Violence Support Group and Women’s Talking Circle, victim advocacy, intervention, case coordination, counseling and mental health services.
- 2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **ANew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$320,000.00** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, a program where comprehensive coordinated services for families experiencing domestic violence will be provided through advocacy supports. Services shall include, but not be limited to, counseling for adults and children, group counseling, legal advocacy, community outreach, housing navigation, and transportation and all services will be available in English and Spanish.

3. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Apna Ghar Inc.** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$165,655.90** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, to support the staffing of a Program Coordinator, Advocate(s) and/or counselors and associated materials for a Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange (SVSE) program. This program will serve those who have been court-ordered for SVSE services and facilitate visitations, exchanges, and monitoring to protect the safety of parents and children during such events.
4. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **KAN-WIN** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$132,004.87** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, a program where KAN-WIN will provide (1) immediate crisis intervention through a 24-hour crisis line staffed by trained professionals and volunteers proficient in various Asian languages, (2) ongoing counseling that incorporates cultural healing practices that resonate with survivors, (3) intensive wrap-around case management and advocacy services to empower survivors in achieving safety and stability.
5. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Mujeres Latinas En Acción** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$195,000.00** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, to support the hiring, training and staffing of child and youth therapist(s) who will provide assessment and follow-up services to families identified as high-risk, and facilitate Supervised Visitation and Site Exchanges (SVSE).
6. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Sarah's Inn** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$167,601.86** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, a program where Sarah's Inn will provide rental and utility assistance for clients in need of emergency financial assistance through their Intervention Program. This program provides free and confidential supportive services for survivors and their children to safely navigate the immediate crisis and ensure lifelong self-sufficiency. Services include (1) emergency assistance through a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, transportation, and housing assistance; (2) individual and group advocacy and counseling; (3) legal advocacy; (4) children and teens programming including group services and individual counseling; and (5) outreach education to the community about Sarah's Inn services.
7. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **WINGS Program, Inc.** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$905,000.00** to implement the **Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Grant - ARPA Initiative NT514_BD**, a program where WINGS Inc., will (1) provide permanent supportive housing to a limited number of survivors and families, (2) train counseling and therapy staff in trauma-informed therapeutic techniques, and (3) provide counseling and therapy, case management and advocacy services, assistance with emergency needs, transportation, connection and referrals to other services, as needed.

[23-4975](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE DEADLY FENTANYL EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, drug overdose or poisoning is the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45; and

WHEREAS, nearly 70% of those deaths are due to Opioids, including Fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, Fentanyl is up to 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than Morphine; and

WHEREAS, more than 91% of Opioid overdose deaths involved Fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed 2,000 Opioid overdose deaths for 2022, breaking the previous record of 1,935 set in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has had two consecutive years of record high Opioid/Fentanyl overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, just over 70% of the overdose deaths were in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, approximately 78% of the Opioid overdose deaths are male, African Americans make up 56% of the deaths, Latinos account for just under 15% and whites constitute 29% of the deaths; and

WHEREAS, these numbers and statistics are staggering and alarming for countless residents in Cook County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) says that the majority of Fentanyl is sourced from China and trafficked into the U.S. by the Mexican Sinaloa and Jalisco cartels; and

WHEREAS, the current federal border policy ignores and underestimates the impact of the Fentanyl epidemic on the front line; and

WHEREAS, the DEA says it seized enough deadly Fentanyl in 2022 to kill every American multiple times over; and

WHEREAS, the United States has seen record high illegal border crossings since in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 12 months prior to January 2021, Southwest border illegal crossing apprehensions

averaged significantly under 50,000 per month, but since January 2021, illegal crossing apprehensions have exploded to more than 100,000 per month and as high as more than 200,000 per month, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data; and

WHEREAS, illegal crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border jumped 33 percent in July (2023), according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data; and

WHEREAS, the federal government must tighten the entry points at our borders and crack down on the external producers of this deadly drug; and

WHEREAS, many of Illinois' elected leaders reduced criminal charges for Fentanyl through the passage of the state's Safe-T Act; and

WHEREAS, current policies are failing as illustrated by the heartbreaking statistics and data. Opioid/Fentanyl death counts will tragically continue to grow without a new rational course of action; and

WHEREAS, if Illinois wants to save lives, then it must reverse course and strengthen its laws against the illegal distribution and sale of Fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, on the local level, we must expand access to comprehensive drug treatment to end this deadly cycle of abuse that is devastating our communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the time to tackle this deadly epidemic head on is now. The Cook County Board of Commissioners calls for immediate action to be taken by the federal government to properly secure the border for the health, safety, and well-being of the people of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be distributed to Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth and the entire Illinois Congressional Delegation, and call upon them to demand President Biden and his administration seek an immediate securing of the U.S. border to stem the dangerous and tragic overflow of Fentanyl into the United States of America.

[23-4969](#)

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

REPORT

Department: Bureau of Finance

Report Title: Cook County COVID-19 Financial Response Report September Board 2023

Report Period: 3/1/2020 - 8/25/2023

Summary: This report serves as an update on Cook County's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), FEMA PA and ERA fund use for COVID-19 efforts. It covers activity for the period from March 1, 2020, through August 25, 2023. This report includes updates on the County's FEMA PA, Emergency Rental Assistance and American Rescue Plan Act grant allocations.

We are proud of the work done by our office to distribute hundreds of millions of dollars for the many pandemic-related needs of Cook County in an efficient, effective and equitable manner. We are encouraged by the progress made toward the careful management of coronavirus relief distribution.

[23-4903](#)

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

PROPOSED AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Cook County Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): City of Chicago Heights

Request: Authorization to amend and extend contract for a period of three years of an interagency agreement

Good(s) or Service(s): Assisting the City of Chicago Heights in undertaking, essential Community Development and Housing assistance activities, within the City

Agreement period: 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2027

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: None

Agreement Number(s): None

Summary: The County entered into a Housing and Community Development Agreement with the City of Chicago Heights on June 22, 1993 which was first amended on June 20, 2014 to undertake, or assist in undertaking, mutually agreed-upon eligible projects within the City of Chicago Heights pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 ("CDBG") (42 USC 5301, et seq.), as amended, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Act ("HOME") (42 USC 3535(d) and 12701-12839), as amended for purposes of community renewal, public improvements, and lower income housing assistance activities, specifically urban renewal and publicly assisted housing projects in accordance with CDBG Regulatory requirements and Local Ordinances. Such Agreement must be further amended to include additional federal regulations applicable to the Agreement.

[23-4640](#)

Presented by: BILQIS JACOBS-EL, Director, Department of Facilities Management

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Department: Department of Facilities Management

Request: Fund Transfer

Reason: Replenish the contractual maintenance account

From Account(s):

11100.1200.12355.530175.00000.00000 - Custodial Institutional supplies - \$150,000.00

11100.1200.12355.530188.00000.00000 - Institutional supplies - \$50,000.00

To Account(s):

11100.1200.12355.520390.00000.00000 - Contract maintenance

Total Amount of Transfer: \$200,000.00

On what date did it become apparent that the receiving account would require an infusion of funds in order to meet current obligations? What was the balance in the account on that date, and what was the balance 30 days prior to that date?

The need for the transfer was noticed on 8/4/2023. The account balance on 8/4/2023 was \$195,000.00, and on 7/4/ 2023 the balance was \$200,000.00.

How was the account used for the source of transferred funds identified? List any other accounts that were also considered (but not used) as the source of the transferred funds.

The accounts used to source this transfer were identified by the amount of available funds, the length of time remaining, and the amount of outstanding invoicing in FY23.

Identify any projects, purchases, programs, contracts, or other obligations that will be deferred, delayed, or canceled as a result of the reduction in available spending authority that will result in the account that funds are transferred from.

None

If the answer to the above question is “none” then please explain why this account was originally budgeted in a manner that caused an unobligated surplus to develop at this point in the fiscal year.

The accounts were not budgeted in a manner that caused an unobligated surplus, some of the pandemic needs have waned toward the latter part of the year.