



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

New Items Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 10:00 AM

Sixth Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ARPA VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED 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, to effectuate the approach outlined in the ARPA Framework, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to expend a limited amount of ARPA funding via Resolution 21-3657 for the purpose of continuing and expanding existing County programs and initiatives, including any created under CRF, as well as for the purpose of building operational support capacity within County departments and offices to assist with managing the ARPA funded initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-0637 authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for up to \$100M in ARPA funding for Vital Community programs approved via Resolution 22-0637; and

WHEREAS, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal to pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of Vital 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreements by the BED to utilize ARPA funding for the BED programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into Subrecipient Agreements with the **Chicago Bar Foundation** in an amount up to \$3,482,600 and the **Illinois Housing Development Authority** in an amount up to \$1,163,600

to implement the **Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program**, to help Cook County residents resolve eviction, foreclosure, consumer debt, and tax deed issues prior to court and during the court process.

2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership** to implement the **Investing in Families and Youth Program** in an amount up to **\$5,000,000**, to provide support to workforce and training programs that offer young adults quality paid work experiences to explore career pathways in target sectors, provide resources to additional target populations, and develop a series of hiring events focused on suburban Cook County. Under the Program, the County will also support the expansion of workforce development programs that serve hard-to-engage populations including people without stable housing, youth in care and graduates of foster care system, people with disabilities, returning residents, and pregnant and parenting youth. Program resources will support residents of suburban Cook County.
3. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Cook County Forest Preserves** to implement the **Community Conservation Corps** in an amount up to **\$1,292,000**. Under this program, the Forest Preserves will implement a year-round initiative that engages a diverse range of people with different needs for employment and training. Participants receive relevant technical skills and training. The Corps has three main types of programming: summer high school programs, full-time seasonal adult programs, and a full-time year around adult program. Each program has different timelines and training requirements based upon the needs of program participants including their age and educational attainment, among many other factors.
4. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (NSCVB)** to implement the **Suburban Cook County Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Economic Recovery Initiative** in an amount up to **\$5,000,000**. Under this initiative, the NSCVB will manage and coordinate the five suburban Convention and Tourism Bureaus, designated by the State of Illinois, to develop and implement a strategic action plan to support the recovery of the travel, hospitality and tourism sectors, that have been severely impacted by COVID-19.
5. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with **Southland Development Authority (SDA)** to implement the **Building Capacity in the Southland Program** in the amount of **\$780,000** to help small businesses recover from the interruption of business operations and the negative effects of COVID-19. This Program will help businesses and entrepreneurs in approximately 40 suburbs in southern Cook County, Illinois survive the COVID pandemic crisis, maintain and/or re-open operations safely, and identify opportunities for resiliency and growth. The SDA drives comprehensive, transformative and inclusive economic growth in Cook County's South Suburbs.
6. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Women's Business Development Center** to develop Cook County's Small **Business Agenda**, which includes the **Small Business Assistance Program** in an amount up to **\$6,050,000**. Launched in 2020 in response to the

challenges small businesses faced in the wake of COVID-19, the Small Business Assistance Program will continue to support a coordinated network of business service organizations that provide one-on-one business advising, webinars and outreach activities for small businesses with less than 20 employees. The program will also include the development of a Cook County “one-stop shop” for businesses, development of parameters and guidelines for the forthcoming Small Business Grant Program(s), development of inclusive procurement strategies and other activities to assist businesses to continue to recover from COVID.

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 outlines 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.

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, LARRY SUFFREDIN, DONNA MILLER and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PREVENTATIVE MEASURES FOR POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF RESOLUTION 07-R-240, THE ICE DETAINER ORDINANCE, AND RESOLUTION NO. 17-0724’S RECOMMITMENT TO COOK COUNTY’S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, in recent years, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has paid more than \$100 million to data brokers to obtain individuals’ personal information. They have used data broker tools to collect sensitive information including Global Positioning System (GPS) location data, facial recognition data, vehicle registrations, credit reports, utility bills, and social media, among hundreds of other sources; and

WHEREAS, ICE has published documents that explicitly confirm that they use data brokers to get around sanctuary policies and laws; and

WHEREAS, in a July 2021 contracting document, ICE’s Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) stated that it is expanding its contract with data brokers to obtain information that is protected by sanctuary policies across the country; and

WHEREAS, the data that is used by ICE is bought and sold by private companies such as Appriss, recently acquired by Equifax, and can be accessed by ICE as an “add-on feature” in its contract with LexisNexis; and

WHEREAS, in FY2020, ICE issued 122,223 detainers across the country. The previous year, Cook County law enforcement agencies had to reject more than 1,000 detainer requests because of local

sanctuary policies. Even when localities refuse to execute detainers, LexisNexis's program, Justice Intelligence, allows ICE to obtain the necessary data to bypass local policies; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that ICE has purchased extensive personal information on over 283 million "consumer identities" from more than 10,000 government and commercial sources; and

WHEREAS, there are many examples of how data brokers are directly helping ICE violate the spirit and of sanctuary laws; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and Chicago are among the government entities targeted by ICE raids in Operation Palladium (2020) and Operation "Safe City" (2017) which were carried out as political retaliation in sanctuary cities; and

WHEREAS, to fully protect immigrant communities in Cook County, we must ensure that ICE respects our county's sanctuary resolutions and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Cook County should help protect the privacy rights and civil liberties of *all* residents and verify that no violations are aided by private interest and corporate data brokers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will hold a hearing to discuss the potential risks of data brokers sharing and/or selling personal information with ICE, through expert testimony, to determine whether and to what extent county government data regarding residents is available to private data brokers. The Committee will also discuss the best practices for protecting the rights of all Cook County residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Cook County Bureau of Technology, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Cook County Public Defender's Office, Cook County Sheriff's Department, Cook County Adult Probation, and other Cook County stakeholders are asked to appear before the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee hearing to discuss the matter.