



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Virtual Meeting**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, December 16, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**Second Set**

[22-0483](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Kenneth L Harris

**Position:** Director

**Department/Board/Commission:** Department of Revenue

**Effective date:** November 7, 2021

**Expiration date:** N/A

[22-0609](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** William Zimmer

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** North Shore Mosquito Abatement District

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Four years from date of approval

**Summary:**

[22-0541](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Office of the President

**Other Part(ies):** City of Chicago, Illinois and Chicago Transit Authority

**Request:** Authorization to enter into and execute

**Goods or Services:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority, the City of Chicago, Illinois and Cook County where the City of Chicago (“City”) agrees to tender \$3,000,000.00 of the City’s motor fuel tax funds to the Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County (“County”) agrees to tender \$2,000,000.00 from Cook County’s motor fuel tax funds to the Chicago Transit Authority.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Agreed Contribution shall be tendered to the Chicago Transit Authority on or before 12/31/2022.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$2,000,000.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** Per the Regional Transportation Authority Act, 70 ILCS 3615/1, et seq., and per the request of the Chicago Transit Authority, authorization is hereby requested to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cook County, the City of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Authority.

Pursuant to the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement, the City of Chicago (“City”) agrees to tender \$3,000,000.00 of the City’s motor fuel tax funds to the Chicago Transit Authority and Cook County (“County”) agrees to tender to the Chicago Transit Authority \$2,000,000.00 from Cook County’s motor fuel tax funds to the Chicago Transit Authority. The agreed contribution by the City and the County are to be remitted to the Chicago Transit Authority prior to 12/31/2022; said funds tendered are to be used by the Chicago Transit Authority for public transportation purposes.

It is hereby requested that that the Cook County Board President be authorized to execute the Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement and that the Cook County Comptroller be authorized to tender the County’s agreed contribution from the motor fuel tax funds to the Chicago Transit Authority in accordance with the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

This agreement will be reviewed and approved as to form by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office prior to execution.

[22-0660](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is committed to ensuring that all residents have a safe and affordable place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, Homelessness continues to impact approximately 1,162 of our suburban Cook County residents nightly, and a lack of housing remains a barrier to the health, safety, well-being, employment, and education for these individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 580,000 people on a given night were experiencing homelessness in America when the COVID-19 pandemic began and had to endure the COVID-19 pandemic without the safety and protection of a stable home, while the homelessness crisis has been further impacted and/or exacerbated during and due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, The most effective approach to solving homelessness is the Housing First approach, which entails identifying and assisting households experiencing homelessness to obtain permanent housing quickly-without treatment or sobriety pre-conditions and with few to no barriers-through housing counseling and navigation assistance, tailored levels of rental assistance, and/or wrap-around supportive services, as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Rescue Plan provides communities with significant new resources to address homelessness, including 70,000 emergency housing vouchers and \$5 billion in grants through the HOME Investment Partnerships program; and \$350 billion in State and Local Recovery Funds through the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, *House America*, launched on October 1, 2021, is a partnership between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), states, and communities to respond with urgency to address the crisis of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Through *House America*, HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge calls on state and local leaders to set and achieve ambitious goals for re-housing households currently experiencing homelessness and developing new supportive and affordable housing units;

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is committed to working with HUD and USICH to use American Rescue Plan resources and other federal, state, and local resources to make progress towards ending homelessness;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cook County Government joins the HUD's *House America* initiative in pledging to work with partners such as the Housing Authority of Cook County, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County and its Continuum of Care network, and the Cook County Land Bank Authority to respond with urgency to homelessness in our community by re-housing 1000 households and developing at least 500 units of new supportive and affordable housing by December 31, 2022.

[22-0691](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **EXTENDING COOK COUNTY'S FY2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FRAMEWORK THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") which authorized approximately \$2 trillion in federal stimulus funds to combat the crisis related to COVID-19, and included funds to specifically address the economic and public health issues that state and local governments encountered as they worked to protect their communities during this public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County qualified as an eligible local government and received \$428.6M in Coronavirus Relief Funds ("CRF") from the US Department of Treasury to specifically address the issues encountered by Cook County government, its residents, and its business from the effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2020, Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Cook County COVID-19 Funding Response Plan: From Rapid Response to Equitable Recovery ("Cook County Funding Response Plan"), an initiative which addressed the County's utilization of CRF in the areas of public health initiatives, Cook County government operational needs and continuity of service, suburban municipalities' public health and operational needs, and Countywide economic development initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Cook County Funding Response Plan, Cook County allocated the CRF as follows: \$302M to operational initiatives and direct costs incurred by the County, \$50.8M to assist 134 suburban municipalities and units of local government, and \$75.8M distributed via the Bureau of Economic Development to direct service providers within Cook County to address critical social service needs as well as economic and community development needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County allocated the \$302M among operational initiatives and direct costs incurred by the County in order to address COVID-19 and ensure continuity of services in compliance with public health guidance and mandates, including costs incurred to reorganize the County's public space for social distancing, the purchase of equipment to allow workers to telecommute, and funding used to defray the cost of public health and public safety workers directly involved in the response to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County allocated the \$50.8M among 134 local municipalities and units of local government pursuant to an equitable distribution strategy, which recognized that a historic disinvestment in certain communities within the County resulted in an unequal capacity for suburban local governments to respond to the challenges that Covid-19 presents; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, through the Bureau of Economic Development, utilized the \$75.8M to launch The Cook County Community Recovery Initiative that includes, but is not limited to, the following: Cook County COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Program, The Southland Development, Authority Business Growth Services, Cook County Job Training and Placement, Cook County Manufacturing Concierge, Cook County Rental Assistance Program, Cook County Mortgage Assistance Program, and Cook County Critical Social Service Programs (Homeless Sheltering Program, Legal Aid, Housing Counseling and Foreclosure Mediation Program, Utility Assistance Program, Food Assistance Program, Direct Financial Assistance Program); and

**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**, the federal government has authorized \$350 billion in ARPA funding to be directly allocated to eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to aid in their recovery from the effects of 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 ARPA Framework is a comprehensive plan for the County’s expenditure of ARPA funding which includes leveraging and expanding existing County programs and initiatives created by CRF as well as creating new near-term and long-term transformative initiatives. The ARPA Framework will guide investments and provide support for programs and initiatives to assist workers and families, small businesses and impacted industries, as well as programs to address health disparities, housing and community needs, and other identified opportunities; 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 21-3657 authorized the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to use

the ARPA funding for new and existing personnel, professional services and administrative costs (such as consulting fees, technical assistance provider fees or other third party program administrator fees ), along with existing programs previously approved under the Cook County Community Recovery Initiative through December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 21-3657 authorized an amount up to \$25,000,000 to be spent from the ARPA award through December 31, 2021, divided into the following categories: \$3,000,000 in personnel costs, \$10,000,000 in professional services and administrative costs and \$12,000,000 for Cook County Community Recovery Initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure continuity of programs and services there is a need to extend access to the funding and programs provided for the Cook County Community Recovery Initiatives as approved in Resolution 21-3657 as the proposed ARPA funded programs for FY2022 will not be approved until January 2022 and additional time will be required to put programs and agreements in place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioner does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to continue to use the remaining \$4.8M of the \$12M in ARPA funding provided pursuant to Resolution 21-3657 for the purpose of continuing the previously approved Cook County Community Recovery Initiatives through March 31, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Budget Director or designee of the Budget Director shall be authorized to transfer the remaining 4.8M of the \$12M in ARPA funding that was approved via Resolution 21-3657 for the Cook County Community Recovery Initiatives.

[22-0689](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO CALL A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS FOR INVESTMENTS IN THE COOK COUNTY PENSION FUND (CCPF)**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Pension Fund (CCPF) was created and is maintained and administered in accordance with relevant provisions of the Illinois Pension Code [40 ILCS 5/1-101 et. Seq.]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of CCPF is to provide pension, disability and other benefits to employees of both Cook County and the Forest Preserve District; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCPF is administered by a Board of Trustees called the Retirement Board and the CCPF staff processes applications for benefits consistent with the Illinois Pension Code, which are then presented before the Board for their approval; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cook County continues to make progress towards its pension funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently the pension fund is 64% funded; and,

**WHEREAS**, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors are a rising area of discussion; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds across environmental factors vary across strategies, companies, sectors, geographies and asset classes; and,

**WHEREAS**, all investments that are made must be made prudently and in accordance with fiduciary and ethical standards, without promoting interests unrelated to the objectives of controlling risk and achieving a long-term rate of return; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, the Cook County Pension Fund has amended their policy statement to comply with the Illinois Pension Code 40 ILCS 5/1-1113.6 and 40 ILCS 5/1-113.17 to consider, in part environmental factors; and,

**WHEREAS**, by evaluating the role of environmental, social and governance factors of the CCPF, the Fund may choose to allow transparency within the investment portfolio; and,

**WHEREAS**, the environmental impact of current investments is not known or has been evaluated; and,

**WHEREAS**, greater information about the ESG attributes of investments could increase transparency of investments.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County request a hearing with the Cook County Pension Fund to understand the inclusion of investments within the Cook County Pension Funds (CCPF).

[22-0272](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of technology

**Report Title:** Countywide Technology Strategic Plan

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2022



**Summary:** Cook County has a “shared services” IT governance model that allows the ten (10) separately elected Cook County offices and other appointed and independent agencies to exercise autonomy over their individual IT decisions while leveraging the benefits of procuring services and hardware via enterprise-wide contracts. Cook County’s hybrid approach allows for flexibility and cost efficiency.