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Please provide some basic information

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| Witness Name: | David Hulseberg |
| Organization (if any): | Berwyn Development Corporation |
| City/Town: | Berwyn |
| State: | IL |
| ZIP: | 60402 |

Q2

County Finance Committee Meeting 7/28/2021 930a

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| Witness Name: | Bob Glaves |
| Organization (if any): | The Chicago Bar Foundation |
| City/Town: | Chicago |
| State: | IL |
| ZIP: | 60604 |

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| Witness Name: | Jaime di Paulo |
| Organization (if any): | Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce |
| City/Town: | Chicago |
| State: | IL |
| ZIP: | 60654 |

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We need to keep using the American Rescue Plan Act funding to continue this work through December 31st of this year and beyond. This funds has proven to be essential to the recovery of Small Business and the reopening of our economy.

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Phone Number

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| Witness Name: | Jennifer Hill |
| Organization (if any): | Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County |
| City/Town: | Hillside |
| State: | IL |
| ZIP: | 60162 |

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I will speak in support of using ARPA SLFRF funds to continue support for Community Recovery Initiative programs. The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development has partnered with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County throughout the pandemic to ensure that people experiencing homelessness have shelter options available to them that keeps them safe and healthy. As we prepare for what our homeless response system looks like after the pandemic, we will need to continue this partnership with Cook County to support the shelter programs that emerged in the pandemic when all of our church-hosted sites were forced to close. Between now and the end of the year, ARPA funding will support a critical gap between the end of FEMA funding and the start of replacement programs that are still being rebuilt.

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| Witness Name: | Emilia DiMenco |
| Organization (if any): | Women's Business Development Center |
| City/Town: | Chicago |
| State: | IL |
| ZIP: | 60603 |

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21-3657 Implementation of the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework

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The Women's Business Development Center is in favor of directing Cook County American Rescue Plan Act funding for the purpose of small business recovery to continue the expanded technical assistance and other support that is still desperately needed caused by the economic devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will allow the WBDC and other business support organizations to continue services through December 31st, 2021.

Since March 2020, 35 business support organizations have coordinated and collaborated with the County's leadership and with support from private foundations to provide grants and technical assistance to hundreds of small businesses. Our purpose was to reach and save as many small businesses as possible who are necessary to develop and maintain commercial corridors and serve the needs of the residents of those communities by creating jobs and delivering goods and services. The WBDC as one of three lead business support organizations and directly served 374 small businesses all with less than 20 employees.

The value of the infrastructure that was created allowed the 35 organizations to leverage our strengths, our community knowledge, and our geographic reach to support and assist as many small businesses in Cook County as possible. The outcome of the collaboration and the leveraging of strengths and reach resulted in the most diverse representation of any other program that the WBDC has knowledge of during the pandemic - federal and other local governments – in gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity. It was also the only program that focused from the beginning principally on grants, understanding that these small businesses did not have the capacity to service additional debt, and very importantly, combined this support with technical assistance. Running a small business is difficult and challenging under normal times, I do not have the words to adequately share the desperation I witnessed over the last 1 ¼ year and the gratitude that was expressed with the support that the County provided the small business owners we reached. You should know that the infrastructure created by the County, a hub and spoke model, combined with the marrying of technical assistance and grant/loan funding is being replicated at the State of Illinois and federal level. So, your work not only positively impacted small businesses in Cook County but has served as a model for others to follow.

Please support the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act funding so that we can continue our expanded work through December 31st, 2021. We will be unable to maintain the additional capacity to meet demand without this funding.

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