



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Board Room Closed to Public - Meeting Virtual for Public)**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

[22-5862](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CREATION OF OPIOID REMEDIATION AND ABATEMENT SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Illinois Attorney General along with several other units of local government (the “Original Participating Local Governments” or “Original-PLGs”) entered into an Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement stemming from a consolidated lawsuit pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County as case number 2017-L-013180 where the Original-PLGs and the Illinois Attorney General are seeking penalties, restitution, disgorgement of revenues, and costs to remediate the public nuisance as well as damages against numerous pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and other related persons and entities arising from their actions and/or inactions which contributed to the opioid epidemic and resulting public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement ensures the funds Illinois received through this and any future settlements are allocated equitably to counties and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Illinois’ money will go to the Illinois Remediation Fund to be used for abatement programs throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement, any sums collected related to Opioid Litigation by the Attorney General from any Opioid Defendant by way of judgment or settlement in a National Multistate Opioid Settlement shall be distributed as follows to ensure, among other things, that 70% of all such judgment or settlement proceeds are used to support specified opioid remediation or abatement programs:

- a. Twenty percent (20.0%) shall be distributed to the State of Illinois, at least one- quarter (1/4th) of which shall be used to support opioid remediation programs included in the list of Approved Abatement Programs approved by the Illinois Attorney General which shall be tracked by the State.
- b. (i) Fifteen percent (15%) shall be distributed into a Local Government Recovery Fund and shall be allocated in accordance with the percentages set forth in a Municipalities and Townships Allocation Table to (1) municipalities and townships who are PLGs and who have filed a lawsuit against an Opioid Defendant by September 1, 2020, and (2) municipalities who are PLGs with a population of at least 30,000 according to the 2019 United States Census Population Estimate whether or not they have filed a lawsuit against an Opioid Defendant. Any amount remaining in the Local Government Recovery Fund following this distribution shall be allocated among counties who are PLGs.  
  
(ii) In addition to any amounts remaining following the allocation, Ten percent (10%) shall be

distributed into the Local Government Recovery Fund to be allocated among counties who are PLGs who receive an allocation from this portion of the Local Government Recovery Fund are obligated to use such distributions to support opioid remediation programs in their community through uses included in the list of Approved Abatement Programs and the PLGs shall track and quarterly report to the Attorney General all monies spent to support opioid remediation programs.

- c. Fifty-Five Percent (55%) shall be distributed into the Illinois Remediation Fund. A Remediation Fund Advisory Board shall be appointed to provide nonbinding recommendations regarding the administration and distribution of the Illinois Remediation Fund. The Remediation Fund Advisory Board, when making recommendations, will seek to ensure an equitable allocation of resources to all parts of the state, taking into consideration population as well as other factors relevant to opioid abatement, including rates of Opioid Use Disorder, Overdose Deaths, and amounts of opioids shipped into each region as measured in Morphine Milligram Equivalents. All funds disbursed from the Remediation Fund shall go to support uses included in the list of Approved Abatement Programs.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement, 85% of the proceeds received by the County must be used for the Approved Abatement Programs provided in the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that a Special Purpose Fund for Opioid Remediation and Abatement shall be created, and that the Department of Budget and Management Services shall manage the Special Purpose Fund, which shall be funded by 85% of the funds received pursuant to the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Department of Budget and Management Services shall work with the various County departments and agencies to budget for and track the expenditures of funds received from the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement to ensure that such expenditures are in conformance with the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement's Approved Abatement Programs; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Department of Budget and Management Services shall report on the uses of the Special Purpose Funds in accordance with the Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Department of Budget and Management Services is permitted to accept the remaining 15% of all settlement proceeds into the County's Corporate Fund to be budgeted accordingly.

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

**PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Dr. Louis DeFilippi

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** Plum Grove Estates

**Effective date:** Immediate

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

**Summary:**

[22-5730](#)

**Presented by:** XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**THE GREATER CHICAGOLAND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS,** the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) is an economic development initiative for the seven-county region of northeastern Illinois (the "Region") formed among the economic development entities and elected officials of the Region to partner and collaborate on specific projects, share resources, and provide data and analysis to improve and enhance economic development within the Region; and

**WHEREAS,** the GCEP aims to strengthen the seven county region's economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic and to increase and maintain economic resilience by fostering opportunities for collaboration on initiatives that benefit the entire Region; and

**WHEREAS,** the GCEP serves Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties and the City of Chicago whose diverse and dynamic economy is at the center of global trade routes and boasts major assets in transportation infrastructure, information technology and manufacturing; and

**WHEREAS,** said Region, which more than 30 Fortune 500 headquarters across seven counties call home, is one of the world's top ten most competitive economies and repeatedly ranks highly in global competitiveness and the pace of foreign investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago region is rich in assets, including diverse industries, a highly skilled workforce and essential infrastructure; has the potential to perform better by working collaboratively and collectively across jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS** the elected leadership of the seven counties and the City of Chicago share a desire to jointly advance equity across the Region. To those ends, GCEP participants have expressed their shared commitments in principle to:

1. Improve Chicagoland's labor market with increased access to high-quality jobs; and
2. Develop strategies to support the growth of key economic sectors through efforts to support the retention and expansion of existing businesses, attract new businesses, and showcase the regions's competitive business ecosystem; and
3. To market the region, recognizing that improved regional economic development will benefit the individual communities and projects that the participating economic development entities represent; and
4. Think and act regionally to eliminate duplicative efforts, achieve greater economies of scale, better leverage resources, and create a business environment that is more attractive to private investment; and
5. Pursue equity in the design and outcomes of regionwide initiatives to ensure that greater economic opportunity, jobs, and investment contribute to regional prosperity, recognizing that regions with the least inequality perform the best; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCEP will identify and agree to undertake specific projects in pursuit of the above goals (the "Project") and will identify a Project Sponsor for each project; and

**WHEREAS**, each Project Sponsor will manage the selected project, accept funds from the Parties and/or any third-party donors to pay related expenses from those funds, and to manage all respective compliance for such Project.

**WHEREAS**, World Business Chicago will serve as the Project Sponsor for the inaugural project called, "Regional Business Development" as outlined in ATTACHMENT A; and

**WHEREAS**, GCEP participants will sign an agreement among the parties to provide annual funds as payment for this three year pilot and/or reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with approved Projects. Unless otherwise provided for in said agreement, the allocation of all costs is to be divided by jurisdiction, based on a formula that incorporates the arithmetic mean of their share of the population in the Region and their share of employment in the Region. The schedule of cost allocations by Jurisdictions for the first year is provided in ATTACHMENT B; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County will request that World Business Chicago (WBC) report to the Cook County

Board Committee on Economic Development after the first year of operation on its first year of work and impact; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the seven counties and the City of Chicago via its agent, World Business Chicago, have committed to the annual costs set forth in ATTACHMENT B which vary for each of the participating jurisdictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development, or his or her designee, to enter into an agreement among the participants of the GCEP, to provide payment of \$290,462 for Year 1 of this three-year Project.