



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

**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

Fourth Set

[22-5753](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2-1-1 METRO CHICAGO INITIATIVE TO BE LED BY THE UNITED WAY OF METRO CHICAGO

WHEREAS, the social services network in Cook County includes a complex system of service providers and the burden of navigating available services often falls on residents; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic brought greater focus to the needs for various social and human services, highlighting the need for a comprehensive, centralized information and referral system for human and social service access; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, the City of Chicago, the United Way of Metro Chicago, and the Heartland Alliance desire to implement a 2-1-1 system, an information and referral system for health and social services that has been implemented successfully across the country; and

WHEREAS, the above stakeholders convened an Advisory Committee with participation by the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) in early 2021 to determine how to establish and implement a 2-1-1 system in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, that Advisory Committee, after a systematic review of the top 2-1-1 systems in the United States and research on operating and governance options, determined that the United Way of Metro Chicago was the recommended entity to receive a grant to operate the 2-1-1 system in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, in collaboration with the City of Chicago, desires to support the implementation of 2-1-1 Metro Chicago to better serve our residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the City of Chicago have each agreed to provide funding through the 2024 calendar year to operate the 2-1-1 system with the intent to determine and provide further funding of the system on an ongoing basis, subject to annual appropriation by the City and County's governing bodies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes BED to enter into a multiyear Grant Agreement with **United Way of Metro Chicago** on behalf of Cook County, subject to annual appropriation by the Board of Commissioners, in an aggregate amount of up to **\$2,300,000** to implement and operate **2-1-1 Metro Chicago**, which will include a comprehensive information and referral helpline for social and human services in Cook County that will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Residents who contact 2-1-1 Metro Chicago will be able to access information, referrals to local resources and services, and personalized assistance depending on each resident's needs and preferences; and

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 an agreement that outlines the specific metrics and impact data, and compliance with all County reporting and monitoring requirements with United Way of Metro Chicago to implement the above program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or its designee to modify the agreement and funding allocation based upon need and utilization.

[22-6131](#)

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

PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Department(s): Cook County, Office of the President

Other Part(ies): Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) 433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450, Chicago, IL 60607

Request: Authorization to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to provide and manage research regarding various property tax issues in accordance with work being done with the President's Office and various Cook County property tax offices.

Good(s) or Service(s): CMAP will provide the President's office with research on various property tax issues in Cook County

Agreement period: 12/1/2022 - 11/30/2023. Two one-year renewals

Fiscal Impact: \$480,000 (FY 2023)

Accounts: 11000.1010.16895.520830.00000.00000

Agreement Number(s): NA

Summary/Notes: The agreement is part of a project being led by the President's office in collaboration with the various Cook County property tax offices to research various property tax issues. CMAP will research and manage the research of property tax issues as well as structures within the property tax system, including but not limited to incentives, exemptions, delinquent property, and collections. The agreement is for one year with two one-year renewals.

[22-5987](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A CORPORATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING APPROVAL OF A CERTAIN REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Cook County Land Bank Authority (“CCLBA”) is authorized under its enabling ordinance, Chap. 103, Art. 1, Sec. 103-1, *et seq.*, of the Cook County Code of Ordinances (“Ordinance”) to use available resources to facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned and tax- delinquent properties to productive use thereby combating community deterioration, creating economic growth and stabilizing the housing and job market, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103-41(f) of the Ordinance, CCLBA has authority to borrow money from private lenders, subject to the approval of the County Board, to further or carry out CCLBA’s public purpose by executing leases, trust indentures, trust agreements, agreements for the sale of notes, loan agreements, mortgages, deeds to secure debt, trust deeds, security agreements, assignments, and such other agreements or instruments as may be necessary or desirable in the judgment of CCLBA, to evidence and to provide security for such borrowing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103-41(n) of the Ordinance, CCLBA has the authority to enter into contracts and other instruments necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103-41(z) of the Ordinance, CCLBA has the authority to do all things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of CCLBA; and

WHEREAS, the CCLBA Board of Directors finds that a revolving line of credit from Chicago Community Loan Fund in an amount not to exceed Two Million and No/100th dollars (\$2,000,000.00), for the acquisition of properties is necessary and convenient to further the objectives and purposes of the CCLBA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the following:

1. Extension of CCLF Revolving Line of Credit. The Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors hereby approves and extends a revolving line of credit from Chicago Community Loan Fund in an amount not to exceed Two Million and No/100th dollars (\$2,000,000.00) (“CCLF Revolving Line of Credit”), for the acquisition of properties, from various sources, including but not limited to the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST) in low-to-moderate (LM I) communities in Cook County, subject to any necessary approval by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

2. Authorization to Execute All Necessary Agreements and Documents. The Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the CCLBA Executive Director to execute all loan agreements, mortgages, UCC Financing Statements, and other documents and instruments necessary and convenient to accept the CCLF Revolving Line of Credit, and to take any actions necessary to comply with any term or provision of any loan agreement, mortgage or other document or instrument executed in furtherance of CCLBA's acceptance and use of the CCLF Revolving Line of Credit.

3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect as of the date of approval and adoption set forth below.

The above Resolution is hereby APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 2022.

[22-6090](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET GAINER, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, LARRY SUFFREDIN, DENNIS DEER, JOHN P. DALEY, SCOTT R. BRITTON and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A TWELVE WEEK PAID PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY FINANCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS AND REPORT

WHEREAS, the United States is the only high-income country, and one of only seven countries in the world that does not mandate paid maternity leave; and

WHEREAS, beginning on January 1 of 2023, City of Chicago employees will be entitled to twelve weeks of paid parental leave for both birthing and non-birthing parents. This is an increase from the previously allowed four to six weeks of paid leave for the birthing parent and two weeks of leave for non-birthing parents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County provides employees with four weeks of paid leave for a birthing parent that delivers non-surgically and six weeks for a surgical delivery. Non-birthing parents are entitled to two weeks of paid leave. Employees that adopt a child are entitled to two weeks of paid leave; and

WHEREAS, paid parental leave correlates with reduced financial stress, and enhanced mental and physical health outcomes for parents and children. Studies make a correlative finding between longer leave time and overall improved family benefit; and

WHEREAS, less than eight weeks of paid leave is linked to a reduction in overall health status and increased depression for birthing parents. For every week of paid leave allotted to a mother, there is a two percent reduction in her likelihood of designating her mental health as poor. Research shows that when the birthing parents have paid time off, there is a 51% decrease in the risk of rehospitalization due to complications. When the non-birthing parent also takes parental leave, both caregivers see an increased benefit to their family health from lower stress levels, leading to reduced physical complications and

improved health benefits to babies; and

WHEREAS, studies identify the link between parent-child bonding during the first months of life and increased cognitive brain function in babies as a crucial identifier in overall positive health outcomes. This link also improves the baby's behavioral and socioemotional skills, confirming adequate paid parental leave can improve mental health over the life span of a child. Paid leave is also associated with better language skills in toddlers; and

WHEREAS, health outcomes are better for babies in areas where there are longer paid parental leave policies. Paid leave greater than 12 weeks increases timely infant vaccination, and parents have been found to be more likely to take their infants to all child wellness check-ups in their first year. These health benefits for infants carry on into their childhood and adulthood; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that underprivileged families may benefit the most from longer parental leave policies, due to better birth outcomes, fewer early term births, increased access to medical care, and more economic stability. One study found that the introduction of paid maternity leave in five states (California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island) led to a reduction in low birthweight and preterm births, especially for Black mothers; and

WHEREAS, a consistent parental paid leave policy for all parents regardless of how an employee chooses to become a parent leads to equitability for all family structures; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Bureau of Finance prepare a fiscal note assessing the financial impact to the County of a blanket 12-week paid parental leave policy for full-time Cook County employees. The fiscal note shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners within 90 days of the date of this Resolution.

[22-5509](#)

Presented by: TIMOTHY P. BLEUHER, Commissioner, Department of Building and Zoning

NEW APPLICATION FOR REFERRAL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Request: Map Amendment to rezone the subject property from I-3 Intensive Industrial District to I-4 Motor Freight Terminal District.

Township: Stickney

County District: CCD #16

Property Address: 4900 S. Merrimac, Chicago, IL 60638

Property Description: The subject property consists of three parcels and a total area of 7.74 acres

Owner: CPI/DSP 4900 S. Merrimac-A Delaware Limited Liability Company, 350 West Hubbard Street,

Chicago, IL 60654

Agent/Attorney: Talar A. Berberian, Attorney - Thompson Coburn LLP. 55 East Monroe Street, 37th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603

Current Zoning: I-3 Intensive Industrial District

Intended use: To operate a trucking facility with a motor freight terminal, slow-maneuver driver training yard and trailer and truck storage.

[22-6119](#)

Presented by: SHARONE R. MITCHELL, JR, Cook County Public Defender

REPORTS

Department: Cook County Public Defender's Office

Report Period: 12/2021 - 2/2022 and 3/2022 - 5/2022

Summary: Behavioral Health Resolution Quarterly Report for the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender