



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Business and Economic Development Committee**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE II PROGRAM - U.S. Treasury GRANT RECEIPT**

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2021, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Bureau of Economic Development ("BED") to develop a County program for the distribution of the allocated funding to provide aid to eligible Cook County households in compliance with the terms of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the United States Treasury Department (the "Treasury") under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 made available \$21.55 Billion to States, U.S. territories, Indian tribes, and local governments for Emergency Rental Assistance II ("ERA II") to assist households who are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, of which \$75,174,936.50, including the Base Allocation of \$57, 610,056.70 and High Need Allocation of \$17,564,879.80, has been allocated to and received by Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has significantly committed and awarded the substantial portion of funds received under ERA II through its Cook County Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance II Program, with a significant number of eligible Cook County households demonstrating additional and ongoing need for rental assistance, arising from the Pandemic and post-Pandemic recovery, exceeding Cook County receipts under ERA II from Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2022, Cook County applied for the first reallocation of ERA II Grant funds from Treasury of which \$2,600,862.32 was awarded to Cook County from the redistribution of ERA II Grant funds from the National Pool; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 8 and 9 of the Cook County FY 2020 and FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Bill (the “Appropriation Bill”) authorize the Cook County Budget Director (the “Budget Director”) to make budgetary transfers in an amount equal to or less than \$50,000 without advance approval of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, except for budgetary transfers authorized in Section 8 of the Appropriation Bill, transfers greater than \$50,000 that are within and between the Personal Services, Contractual Services, Supplies and Materials, Operation and Maintenance, Rental and Leasing, Capital Equipment, and Improvements, or Contingency or Special Purposes account series require advance approval by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) or the Cook County Hospital System Board; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the receipt of ERA II Grant Funds from the United States Treasury to Cook County in the amount of \$2,600,862.32 to provide rental assistance to eligible households in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Budget Director is hereby authorized to accept all funds from the U.S. Treasury, allocated to Cook County under the ERA II Program, and to allocate and transfer all such appropriated funds to BED within a special purpose fund established to track the acceptance and spending of such funds to continue the County’s ERA II Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby supports BED initiatives to provide rental and utility assistance to suburban Cook County households who are unable to pay rent and utilities as a result of COVID-19 and further supports the allocation of \$2,600,862.36 in ERA II funds to support the existing ERA II Program in the form of rental assistance, utility assistance, marketing and outreach, operations and logistics and community partnerships to address the needs of residents in suburban Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes BED to continue the Cook County Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance II Program and, in accordance with the grant, select organizations and government agencies as well as enter into any agreements as necessary with the selected organizations and government agencies to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible households; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations and government agencies based upon need and utilization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development shall issue periodic reports to the Cook County Board of Commissioners regarding the progress of the ERA II Program.

**Legislative History :** 10/20/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Business and Economic Develo

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**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.

**Legislative History :** 10/20/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Business and Economic Develo

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**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.

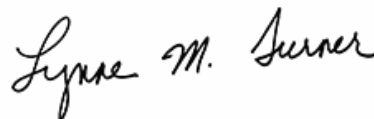
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes BED to enter into a multiyear Grant Agreement with **United Way of Metro Chicago** on behalf of Cook County, subject to annual appropriation by the Board of Commissioners, in an aggregate amount of up to **\$2,300,000** 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.

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