



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

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, March 14, 2024, 10:00 AM**

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**Sponsored by:** MONICA GORDON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING PROTECTIONS FROM RACE-BASED HAIR DISCRIMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, the CROWN Act, standing for "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair," is a legislative initiative designed to prohibit race-based hair discrimination in schools and workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, hair discrimination disproportionately affects individuals with natural or cultural hairstyles, particularly those of African descent, leading to unfair treatment, bias, and prejudice in various facets of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the CROWN Act seeks to address systemic discrimination by affirming the right of individuals to wear natural hairstyles, including afros, braids, twists, locks, and other styles reflective of their cultural heritage and personal identity; and

**WHEREAS**, discrimination based on hair texture and style perpetuates harmful stereotypes and reinforces notions of beauty standards rooted in Eurocentric ideals, contributing to feelings of marginalization and exclusion among affected communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County's Board of Commissioners passed protections aligned with the CROWN Act by amending the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance on July 20, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discrimination against a person based on traits associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles; and

**WHEREAS**, by enacting this protection the County has taken proactive measures to combat racial discrimination, promote diversity, and foster a more inclusive and respectful society for all individuals regardless of their hair texture or style; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Commission on Human Rights encourages individuals in Cook County who experience discrimination or harassment based on traits associated with race to file a complaint with the Cook County Commission on Human Rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.2 million residents of Cook County this legislative body hereby expresses its continued commitment to eliminating race-based hair discrimination in schools and workplaces; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Cook County board of Commissioners urge

federal, state, and local governments to enact comprehensive legislation modeled after the CROWN Act and the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance, providing legal protections against hair discrimination and ensuring equal treatment and opportunities for all individuals; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon educational institutions, employers, and other organizations to implement policies and practices that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, including sensitivity training and awareness programs to address and prevent hair discrimination; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this legislative body encourages advocacy efforts to raise awareness about the prevalence and consequences of hair discrimination, mobilizing support for legislative action and systemic reforms to eradicate discrimination in all its forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in affirming its commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion, this legislative body stands in solidarity supporting protection from race-based hair discrimination and its mission to create a more respectful and open world for individuals of all races, cultures, and backgrounds, free from discrimination based on hair texture or style; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body hereby acknowledges the harmful impact of hair discrimination on individuals' well-being, self-esteem, and professional opportunities, affirming the importance of fostering an environment where all individuals can express their cultural identity and heritage freely.

[24-1938](#)

**Presented by:** KANAKO ISHIDA, Budget Director

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget & Management Services

**Report Title:** Board Resolution 22-0637 ARPA Budget Transfer Approvals

**Report Period:** February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024

**Summary:** Pursuant to Board Resolution 22-0637, the Department of Budget & Management Services (DBMS) may approve budgetary transfers required to implement the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) initiatives approved by the Board of Commissioners within the special purpose fund established for the County's allocation of ARPA Funding. Attached, please find a report of all transfers made within the ARPA special purpose fund between February 1, 2024, and February 29, 2024.

Please note, the report presents the information in three different formats:

Summary of Budget Transfers: reflects a summary of all transfers by fund and department, and the purpose of the transfer.

Transfers By Department: reflects all transfers *by Department*, delineating the accounts out of and into which such transfers were made.

Transfers By Fund: reflects all transfers *by Fund*, delineating the Department or Agency that made the transfer, and the accounts out of and into which such transfers were made.

[24-1986](#)

**Presented by:** KANAKO ISHIDA, Budget Director

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget & Management Services

**Report Title:** FY2024 1st Quarter Grants Report

**Report Period:** December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

**Summary:** Pursuant to Section 28 of the Cook County Resolution and Appropriation Bill for FY2024, the Department of Budget & Management Services submits the attached list of grant awards received by Cook County Departments and Agencies during the 1st Quarter of the fiscal year (December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024).

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**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget & Management Services

**Report Title:** FY2024 1st Quarter Budget Transfers Under \$50,000

**Report Period:** December 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024

**Summary:** Pursuant to Section 9 of the Cook County Resolution and Appropriation Bill for FY2024, the Department of Budget & Management Services submits the attached list of budget transfers of under \$50,000 made by Cook Count Department and Agencies from December 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

[24-2015](#)

**Presented by:** KANAKO ISHIDA, Budget Director

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget and Management Services

**Report Title:** FY2024 Q1 Position Reclassification Report

**Report Period:** December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

**Summary:** Pursuant to Section 10 of the Annual Appropriation Bill and Budget Resolution, before any position is recommended for reclassification, the relevant Agency of the County must obtain prior approval of the Budget Director to validate available funding. Section 10 further requires this office to issue a report to the Board of Commissioners of approved position reclassifications on a quarterly basis for the preceding quarter.

During the current period, 294 positions were reclassified:

Assessor - 10  
Board of Review - 2  
Clerk of the Circuit Court - 5  
Cook County Health - 121  
Chief Judge - 32  
Commissioner - 1  
Land Bank Authority - 1  
Offices under President - 25  
Public Defender - 22  
State's Attorney - 20  
Sheriff - 46  
Treasurer - 5  
Veterans Assistance Commission - 4

[24-1923](#)

**Presented by:** QUINCE BRINKLEY, Director, Real Estate Management

**PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Real Estate Management

**Request:** Requesting approval to enter into a lease agreement.

**Landlord:** Bass Furniture and Rug Co., Inc.

**Tenant:** Cook County, for use by the Public Defender's Office

**Location:** 11431 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628

**Term/Extension Period:** 4/1/2024 - 12/31/2026

**Space Occupied:** 1,502 sqf

**Monthly Rent:** 6/1/2024 - 3/31/2025 \$20,000.00; 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026 \$24,360.00; 4/1/2026 - 12/31/2026 \$24,730.80

**Fiscal Impact:** \$69,090.80 (Non-revenue generating)

**Accounts:** 11286.1260.62742.550130.00000.00000

**Option to Renew:** Option to renew for three (3) consecutive three (3) year terms.

**Termination:** Provide details of lease termination

**Utilities Included:** No \$69,090.80 (Non-revenue generating)

**Summary/Notes:** The Freedom Defense Center of Roseland will foster accountability and trust between the Public Defender's Office and the community it serves. The center is rooted in partnering and standing with the Roseland community, to reduce the impact of the carceral system and to fight for justice. It works to change the narrative around harm and safety, by honoring community members' experiences and prioritizing autonomy.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **TO PROVIDE ARPA FUNDS TO SUPPORT COOK COUNTY ARTS VIA SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH LISC CHICAGO**

**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,** 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 Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award allocated to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

**WHEREAS** Resolution 21-3654 further authorized the Cook County Budget Director and Comptroller to create and implement a Special Purpose Fund for the ARPA award and other accounting measures to track the acceptance and spending of the federal award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for ARPA programs approved via Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goals, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) developed a menu of Vital Community programs and initiatives which received approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant; and

**WHEREAS** Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637 provided that any grants issued regarding ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS** Cook County Bureau of Economic Development seeks to advance industry-sector strategies to build vibrant, sustainable and inclusive communities where people want to live, learn, work and play; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Policy Roadmap includes a key objective under Vital Communities to “Invest in economic sectors with good jobs and positive economic, environmental and social impact”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County arts sector is an essential driver of community vibrancy and livability that continues to experience increased operating costs, audience loss and decreased revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, to advance the above the Bureau of Economic Development established the Cook County Arts (NT830) as an initiative to support artists and arts organizations with grants, engage with municipalities to promote arts investments and explore strategies for Cook County to support arts sector beyond ARPA; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-4414 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into a Sub-recipient Agreement with the Arts Alliance Illinois in an aggregate amount of up to \$5,000,000 to encourage investment in the arts and promote economic recovery in this hard-hit sector in suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** Arts Alliance Illinois and the Bureau of Economic Development have mutually agreed to a modified scope of work and reduction of the allocated funding totaling up to \$1.8 million to focus on distribution of relief grants to suburban Cook nonprofit arts organizations, conduct an analysis of the suburban Cook arts landscape and assist the County identify opportunities to further support integration of the arts into the county's programs and policies, with the intention of supporting the sector's long-term vitality and growth; and

**WHEREAS,** to ensure expediency in the effective implementation of the Cook County Arts' objectives, Cook County seeks to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with LISC Chicago ("LISC") for up to \$2.0 million, a regional nonprofit affiliate of the national Local Initiative Support Corporation, to develop an arts-focused creative placemaking initiative in suburban Cook; and

**WHEREAS,** LISC has a track record of building organizational capacity by organizing and engaging stakeholders to further community-driven economic and cultural development.

**WHEREAS,** LISC currently provides grants, loans, technical assistance, and other resources to more than 70 nonprofit partners in low- and moderate-income communities across Chicago and this program will expand its footprint into suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** the initial project scope of the Arts Alliance Illinois included the creation and delivery of training curriculum to foster and support the arts in local communities; and

**WHEREAS,** based upon mutual agreement between the Bureau of Economic Development and the Alliance, and in recognition of LISC's experience in this area, BED will engage LISC to develop initiatives to support the arts, often called creative placemaking projects, provide capacity building to support project development and create the framework to provide implementation grants for said projects in suburban Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to amend the Arts Alliance Illinois' original scope of work and reduce its budget and then enter into a new subrecipient agreement with LISC Chicago for Cook County Arts for up to \$2.0 million through 2026 to provide technical assistance to projects that support the arts in suburban Cook as well as administer, and distribute grants to advance these projects; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or its designee to modify the agreement and funding amount based upon need, performance, and utilization, subject to annual appropriation by the Board.



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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MAC Asset Management, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** MAC Asset Management, LLC

**Address:** 7575 W. 79th Street, Bridgeview, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Bridgeview

**Cook County District:** 6th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 18-36-201-003-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Bridgeview, Ordinance No. 22-17

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** Two (2) months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use -distribution and logistics

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

[24-1874](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Ideal Greenleaf LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Ideal Greenleaf LLC

**Address:** 1400 Greenleaf Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Elk Grove Village

**Cook County District:** 15th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 08-34-205-018-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Elk Grove, Resolution 7-21

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** One (1) month vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing, and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS,** in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS,** in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS,** Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS,** the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Board of Commissioners of the

County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

[24-1395](#)

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

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TECHNOLOGY)**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Technology

**Vendor:** Insight Public Sector, Inc., Tempe, Arizona

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Office Technology Products and Related Services

**Original Contract Period:** 9/9/2019 - 9/8/2024, with three (3), one-year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:**Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 9/9/2024 - 9/8/2025

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$25,000,000.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):**Board, 7/25/2019, \$25,000,000.00

**Increase Requested:** \$13,809,973.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):**N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2024 \$8,285,983.00, FY 2025 \$5,523,989.00

**Accounts:** Capital and Operating

**Contract Number(s):** 1830-17423A

**Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct participation.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

BOT: N/A

**Summary:** The Insight contract is used for the purchasing of laptops, desktops, computer monitors, docking stations and other office technology equipment that is in use throughout the County. Each year budget is allocated to all Bureaus within the Offices Under the President as well as the separately elected officials to replace computer equipment that has reached it's 6-year lifecycle. Funding estimates were determined based upon historical contract spend and as well as spend projections from Offices Under the President and the separately elected officials. Reseller contracts are often utilized in the IT industry as a vehicle for government purchasing because the product manufacturers negotiate with the reseller rather than directly with the government entity. This allows for a significantly streamlined procurement process since each agency does not need to negotiate separate contracts for each purchase and allows for greater rebates through volume purchasing. This is more efficient for County IT departments and Procurement while providing significant cost savings.

This contract was awarded through a Request for Proposals ("RFP") process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Insight Public Sector was selected in accordance with the established evaluation criteria.