



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

New Items Agenda

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 11:00 AM

18-6218

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Raffi Sarrafian

Position: Chief Procurement Officer

Department/Board/Commission: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer

Effective date: 10/15/2018

Expiration date: N/A

18-6420

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY FUND TO ADDRESS THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION IN THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, Cook County is a “Fair and Equal County for Immigrants” as defined in 07-R-240; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census poses unprecedented challenges that may inhibit an accurate count of the United States population such as a drastic reduction in field staff and the primary use of an online platform for the first time; and

WHEREAS, among these challenges, the inclusion of an untested citizenship question has been proposed by the Department of Commerce and accurate and reliable information on how the Census Bureau will handle this question is not yet available; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has the largest concentration of foreign-born residents in the state of Illinois and must be prepared to educate this population on the importance of participating in the Census to avoid an undercount; and

WHEREAS, immigrants are among the hard-to-count populations that have experienced an undercount in the past, with 11,000 very young Latino children having been missed in Cook County alone during the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, Illinois experienced total undercounts of 100,000 persons in 2000 and 128,000 in 2010 which cost Cook County an estimated \$19 - \$25 million per year after each decennial survey based on the 2002 US Census Monitoring Committee report to Congress and the 2018 report from the George Washington Institute on Public Policy ; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that with limited information on the citizenship question and the chilling effect this population is already experiencing due to increased immigration enforcement, the number of persons missed in an undercount will only increase; and

WHEREAS, based on the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report on federal awards issued to Cook County, fourteen of the grants Cook County receives, which total over \$43 million, are reliant on U.S. Census population data; and

WHEREAS, without special efforts to ensure an accurate count of immigrant residents, Cook County is primed not only to lose financially, but is leaving the civil rights and fair representation of its entire population at stake; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an Emergency Fund be established to conduct specialized outreach to immigrant communities throughout Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a minimum of \$200,000 from the \$600,000 expected surplus in operating funds described in the Fiscal Year 2018 Year-End Projections be allocated to this Fund under the direction of the Chief Financial Officer to temporarily hire two (2) staff to manage the outreach and report to members of the Cook County Complete Count Committee and the Board of Commissioners

18-6425

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT INTERPRETATION OF THE PUBLIC CHARGE RULE AND OPPOSING ANY FEDERAL REGULATORY CHANGE THAT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

WHEREAS, Cook County is a “Fair and Equal County for Immigrants” as defined in 07-R-240; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2018 the Federal Register published a proposed rule developed by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that would drastically change the “public charge” test for individuals seeking admission to or legal permanent residency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, “public charge” currently refers to a person who is likely to become “primarily dependent”

on government services and as such may be barred from entering or gaining lawful status in the United States or; and

WHEREAS, at present, public charge is limited to being a direct recipient of cash assistance including General Assistance (GA), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or institutionalized long-term care at the government's expense; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule changes public charge to consider *likely* use of or receipt of non-cash assistance including non-emergency Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the low-income prescription drug subsidy for Medicare Part D, and certain federal housing benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would also require DHS to consider the person's age; medical condition; family status; household assets, resources, and financial status; and education and skills in determining whether that person is likely to become a public charge; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, individuals with limited education and/or limited English proficiency, and those with household income less than 250% of the federal poverty level will face more difficulty getting approval to enter the United States or gain lawful status; and

WHEREAS, over half a million residents of Cook County - more than one tenth of the population - are non-citizens; and

WHEREAS, over 94,000 children in Illinois live in a household with at least one non-citizen receiving SNAP and those households make up over 10% of Cook County households receiving SNAP; and

WHEREAS, the promulgation of the proposed rule may result in a significant "chilling effect" that will lead to many eligible households dis-enrolling from or forgoing enrollment into benefits that help address basic human needs such as health care, food/nutrition, and housing; and

WHEREAS, DHS's proposed rule outlines possible impacts on those otherwise eligible for benefits, including "worse health outcomes, including increased prevalence of obesity and malnutrition, especially for pregnant or breastfeeding women, infants, or children, and reduced prescription adherence"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule further outlines a direct impact on health systems with "increased use of emergency rooms and emergent care as a method of primary health care due to delayed treatment"; "increased prevalence of communicable diseases, including members of the US citizen population who are not vaccinated"; "increases in uncompensated care"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to public health, the proposed rule would impact overall social mobility as it would create "increased rates of poverty and housing instability"; and "reduced productivity and educational attainment."; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$92 million annually is estimated to be lost by Cook County residents if at least a quarter of households with at least one immigrant who receive these benefits were to withdraw from or forgo enrollment; and

WHEREAS, promulgation of the proposed public charge rule would exacerbate heightened fear and anxiety in the immigrant community and force many Cook County residents to make difficult decisions about accessing basic services such as health care and nutrition assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 households in Cook County include at least one immigrant enrolled in Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Medicaid for Cook County residents could result in significant increases in uncompensated care and decreased patient revenue from Medicaid reimbursement for Cook County Health and Hospitals System and other hospital and healthcare providers in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners opposes any proposed change to the public charge rule which could negatively impact residents in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners opposes any federal regulatory change that would negatively impact immigrant families and urges President Donald Trump and the Department of Homeland Security to immediately withdraw the proposed public charge rule; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners transmit a suitable copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security and the members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

18-3676

Presented by: VELISHA HADDOX, Chief, Bureau of Human Resources

REPORT

Department: Bureau of Human Resources

Report Title: Human Resources Bi-Weekly Activity Report

Report Period: Pay Period 14: 11/24/2018 - 7/7/2018

Summary: This report lists all new hires and terminations of employees in executive, administrative or professional positions, Grades 17 through 24, and employees in such positions who have transferred positions, received salary adjustments, whose positions have been transferred or reclassified, or employees

who are hired into positions as Seasonal Work Employees, Extra Employees, Extra Employees for Special Activities and Employees per Court Order.

18-6144

Presented by: LAWRENCE WILSON, County Comptroller

REPORT

Department: Comptroller's Office

Report Title: Bills and Claims Report

Report Period: 9/6/2018 - 9/26/2018

Summary: This report to be received and filed is to comply with the Amended Procurement Code Chapter 34-125 (k).

The Comptroller shall provide to the Board of Commissioners a report of all payments made pursuant to contracts for supplies, materials and equipment and for professional and managerial services for Cook County, including the separately elected Officials, which involve an expenditure of \$150,000.00 or more, within two (2) weeks of being made. Such reports shall include:

1. The name of the Vendor;
2. A brief description of the product or service provided;
3. The name of the Using Department and budgetary account from which the funds are being drawn; and
4. The contract number under which the payment is being made.

18-6293

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

PROPOSED CONTRACT (TECHNOLOGY)

Department(s): Bureau of Technology

Vendor: Clarity Partners, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Services to design and implement a comprehensive case management system for adoption and child custody cases.

Contract Value: \$990,665.00

Contract period: 11/1/2018 - 10/31/2023, with two (2), one-year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2019, \$820,665; FY 2020, \$75,000; FY 2021, \$35,000; FY 2022, \$30,000, FY 2023, \$30,000.

Accounts: 11569.1009.17825.560227, P_21119

Contract Number(s): 1730-16507

Concurrence(s):

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

The Interim Chief Procurement Officer concurs

Summary: This contract will allow Clarity Partners, LLC to design, implement, and provide support services for a comprehensive case management solution that will replace existing systems for the Department of Adoption and Family Supportive Services.

The vendor will configure the new case management solution to facilitate the following processes: screening of prospective adoptive parents, completing home studies and home study reports, responding to inquiries regarding past adoption matters, and providing legally mandated information to adoptees, adoptive parents, and confidential intermediaries.

Clarity Partners, LLC was prequalified through the County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. The contract is selected based on established evaluation criteria.