



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AN ARPA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**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 Resolution 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goals, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of programs and initiatives which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts, and agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement by the BED to utilize ARPA funding for a multiyear term through Fiscal Year 2026, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the BED program as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$1,240,000** to implement the **Community Information Exchange (CIE) Program**, an initiative that will strengthen the coordination of healthcare and social services for Cook County residents by connecting people, service organizations, and community partners more efficiently through data sharing. A CIE will expand on the utility of the 211 Metro Chicago information and referral system for human services by developing a client profile that is shared across the resource systems landscape. This initiative will allow providers of health and

social services greater shared visibility into the client/patient needs, create a more efficient experience, and strengthen communication between organizations. IPHI, through its Center for Health Information Sharing and Innovation program, will be responsible for carrying out the planning phase of this initiative, including coalition building, conducting needs assessments, establishing appropriate software, and creating a timeline to launch the CIE Program. IPHI will coordinate the regional network of partners and guide them through the process of realizing a shared vision and strategy, supporting aligned activities, establishing shared measurement practices, fostering public will and advancing policy, and mobilizing funding.

**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 the various agreements that outline the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the agency listed above to implement the above program.

**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 agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations based upon need and utilization.