



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ARPA SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

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 \$1,000,372,385.00 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 Goal, the Office of the Chief Judge has developed a menu of Safe and Thriving Community 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 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreements by the Office of the Chief Judge to utilize ARPA funding for multiyear terms through Fiscal Year 2026, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the Office of the Chief Judge programs and initiatives as follows:

Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$6,450,184** to implement the **Strengthening Chicago's Youth, Juvenile Justice Collaborative Expansion**, a program to match justice-involved youth with appropriate community-based services according to their individual goals and to address needs that are identified as a part of an intake and assessment process. The mission of the program is to minimize future justice involvement for arrested youth and reduce racial disparities in the justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Office of the Chief Judge, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans or his designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to any and all Office of the Chief Judge-selected Subrecipients based upon need and utilization.