



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Department(s): Bureau of Economic Development

Other Part(ies): Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into an interagency agreement

Good(s) or Service(s): Authorization for the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into an agreement with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (“The Partnership”) to establish and implement a private sector based Cook County youth employment program (“Program”). The Program will annually target at a minimum 200 young adults, ages 16-24, with barriers to employment and/or from low-income households and/or from suburban Cook County communities with high rates of poverty or unemployment for an internship program. The Program participants will be compensated, and the program will enroll participants in small group cohort experiences that run for approximately seven weeks each year during the three-year term. The Partnership will focus on employers in sector specific training and employment, including but not limited to transportation, distribution and logistics; manufacturing; information technology; and other high-growth, high-demand sectors. The Partnership will work with service providers to hire and train career and peer mentors and recruit and retain youth throughout the Program. The Partnership’s service providers will assist The Partnership to identify employers; develop job opportunities; assign Program Participants to worksites; serve as liaison between employers and Program Participants; and oversee quality of work assignments for the selected Program Participants

Agreement period: Upon authorization of the County Board and execution by the Parties through 6/1/2023

Fiscal Impact: \$3,000,000.00 (\$2,700,000.00 from Special and Cooperative Programs/Fixed Charges and \$300,000 from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG 2019-2022))

FY20 budget impact - \$900K Special and Cooperative Programs/Fixed Charges/ \$100,000 from CDBG

FY21 budget impact - \$900K Special and Cooperative Programs/Fixed Charges/ \$100,000 from CDBG

FY22 budget impact - \$900K Special and Cooperative Programs/Fixed Charges/ \$100,000 from CDBG

Accounts: 11000.1490.11030.521314

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Summary: This Program developed by County representatives and The Partnership will help build talent and create pathways for sector based experience and employment for young adults. Since 2017, the Program has served over 1000 suburban Cook County youth with barriers to employment and/or residing in low-income households. The Program will focus on sector specific paid training and/or paid work experience in areas which include transportation, distribution and logistics; manufacturing; information technology; and other high-

growth, high-demand sectors targeted by The Partnership. The County shall provide funding for 200 young adults each year during the three-year term. The County and The Partnership may solicit additional funding from outside sources to further increase the number of opportunities provided to young adults in this Program. The Partnership will provide the Bureau of Economic Development with a mid and end of year report for each year during the term of the Agreement which shall include the number of businesses providing internships; number of service providers utilized; and the number of Program Participants served by each service provider. The Partnership shall also provide a final report will include the total number of Program Participants who participated in workplace readiness training, participated in internships, and participated in career exploration activities. The Partnership will also indicate if the Program Participants connected to a workforce program, training and/or post-secondary education program at the end of each year during the term of the Agreement. .