



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021, the United States Treasury Department made available \$25 Billion to States and local governments for Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA”) to assist households who are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic of which \$72,808,624.10 has been allocated to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of ERA grant funds allocated by the U. S. Treasury Department to Cook County in the amount of \$72,808.624.10 to provide rental and utility assistance to households in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to develop a County program for the distribution of the allocated funding to provide aid to eligible Cook County households in compliance with the terms of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) to design and implement the **Cook County Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program** and, in accordance with the grant, select organizations and government agencies as well as enter into any agreements as necessary with the selected organizations and government agencies to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible households; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the BED initiatives to provide rental and utility assistance to suburban Cook County households who are unable to pay rent and utilities as a result of COVID-19 and further supports the allocation of \$72,808.624.10 in ERA funds to support the ERA Program in the form of rental assistance, utility assistance, marketing and outreach, operations and logistics and community partnerships to address the needs of residents in suburban Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief of BED to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations and government agencies based upon need and utilization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development shall issue periodic reports to the Cook County Board of Commissioners regarding the progress of the ERA Program.