



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ARPA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY COOK COUNTY HEALTH (CCH).

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 Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

WHEREAS, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal, the CCH has developed a menu of Healthy 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 agreement by Cook County Health to utilize ARPA funding for multi-year terms through Fiscal Year November 30, 2024, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for Cook County Health programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the **Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC)** in an aggregate amount of up to **\$5,788,507** to implement the **Behavioral Healthcare Specialists at HACC** a program to facilitate bringing behavioral healthcare to residents at HACC’s 18 properties around suburban Cook County. Onsite social workers and nurses will work to ensure services are provided to residents, by reducing barriers to

care for over 2,000 residents of multi-family and elderly/disabled housing. This initiative seeks to improve residents' mental health and quality of life, reduce the frequency of use of emergency services, and reduce evictions due to behavior-based lease violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the CEO of Cook County Health 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 Subrecipients listed above to implement the above programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the CEO of Cook County Health or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to CCH's selected Subrecipient based upon need and utilization.