



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REGARDING YOUNG ET AL. V. DART ET AL. BALANCE DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, the County and Sheriff entered into a settlement agreement in a federal class action lawsuit styled, Young, et al. v. Dart, et al., 06-cv-0552, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division; and

WHEREAS, as part of the settlement, a settlement fund was established for the benefit of the class plaintiffs but only a portion of the fund allocated for class members was claimed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the settlement agreement, the parties agreed that the class administrator my reimburse itself for proved expenses and any remaining funds ("the Balance") would revert to Cook County to be distributed to Program Services at the Cook County Jail, for use for counseling, recreation, skills, training, and the like for detainees; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, the Circuit Court of Cook County entered an order providing that "All remaining funds shall be distributed to Cook County to comply with the provision that such funds "shall be distributed to Program Services at Cook County Jail, for use for counseling, recreation, skills, training, and the like for detainees" pursuant to the original settlement in this case. See Docket. 624-1 ¶ 4."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that a Special Purpose Fund shall be created, and that the Sheriff shall manage the Special Purpose Fund, which shall be funded by the unclaimed class action settlement dollars from Young, et al. v. Dart, et al., Docket No. 06-cv-0552 (N.D. Illinois). Monies within the Special Purpose Fund shall only be used for the purpose of distribution to Program Services at the Cook County Jail for the purpose of providing counseling, recreation, skills, training, and the like for detainees at the Cook County Jail. Upon exhausting the funds within the Special Purpose Fund, the Sheriff shall notify the Cook County Comptroller and the Fund shall be closed. This Fund shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.