



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ARPA SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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 Cook County Department of Public Health 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 21-3657 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 Cook County Department of Public Health to utilize ARPA funding for multiyear terms through Fiscal Year 2026, subject to annual appropriation by the Board, for the Cook County Department of Public Health programs and initiatives as follows:

1. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Arab American Family Services in an aggregate amount up to \$1,011,350.93 to implement the NT885: Behavioral Health Expansion, a program to address inequities in mental health and substance use in suburban Cook County by strengthening the capacity of organizations to increase and enhance access to a full continuum of integrated and equitable behavioral health services, support, and treatment in suburban Cook County.
2. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Legacy Medical Care in an aggregate amount up to \$1,000,000 to implement the NT885: Behavioral Health Expansion, a program to address inequities in mental health and substance use in suburban Cook County by strengthening the capacity of organizations to increase and enhance access to a full continuum of integrated and equitable behavioral health services, support, and treatment in suburban Cook County.
3. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Asian Health Coalition in an aggregate amount up to \$1,000,000 to implement the NT885: Behavioral Health Expansion, a program to address inequities in mental health and substance use in suburban Cook County by strengthening the capacity of organizations to increase and enhance access to a full continuum of integrated and equitable behavioral health services, support, and treatment in suburban Cook County.
4. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Pillars Community Health in an aggregate amount up to \$1,000,000 to implement the NT885: Behavioral Health Expansion, a program to address inequities in mental health and substance use in suburban Cook County by strengthening the capacity of organizations to increase and enhance access to a full continuum of integrated and equitable behavioral health services, support, and treatment in suburban Cook County.
5. Enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Thrive Counseling Centers in an aggregate amount of up to \$1,000,000 to implement the NT885: Behavioral Health Expansion, a program to address inequities in mental health and substance use in suburban Cook County by strengthening the capacity of organizations to increase and enhance access to a full continuum of integrated and equitable behavioral health services, support, and treatment in suburban Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes Cook County Health and Cook County Department of Public Health to negotiate and enter into the various agreements that outlines 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 Cook County Health and Cook County Department of Public Health or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all Cook County Department of Public Health selected Subrecipients based upon need and utilization.