



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **FOR SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY THE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**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 Justice Advisory Council 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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, In June and July of 2022 the Cook County Board approved Resolutions 22-3550 and 22-4291 for the Justice Advisory Council’s (JAC) Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Awardees; and

**WHEREAS**, the JAC received 190 applications totaling requests for roughly \$500,000,000 for the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the JAC committed to searching for additional funding to support highly qualified applicants from ARPA Initiative NT897 : Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) - Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) reviewed and endorsed the JAC's application review process for ARPA Initiative NT897 and has awarded the JAC \$25,002,942 to support funding an additional 39 Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction applicants, representing 74 organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, these awards will be made to applicants providing street outreach intervention, case management and victim services in the geographic areas defined as communities impacted by gun violence in the Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA) (430 ILCS 69); and

**WHEREAS**, the RPSA calls for a comprehensive approach to reducing firearm violence through targeted, integrated behavioral health services and economic opportunities in communities with the greatest concentration of firearm victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the OFVP has entered into a uniform grant agreement with Cook County to fund a diverse array of service providers focused on supporting residents at high risk of experiencing gun violence as either a victim or perpetrator in communities with the highest rates of shooting incidents and shooting-related homicides; and

**WHEREAS**, services funded shall include Victim Services, Case Management, Street Outreach and Intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, the total award from IDHS will be disbursed in two award periods with the first award totaling \$5,000,588 during an award period of 02/01/2023 - 06/30/2023, to align with the state fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the remainder of the \$25,002,942 shall be awarded on or about 07/01/2023 for JAC to distribute to the 39 selected awardees for an award period running from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 23-767 approved the first disbursement of \$5,000,588 from IDHS-OFVS and this resolution serves as the disbursement for the remaining \$20,002,354; and

**WHEREAS**, The JAC has awarded over \$110 million to 90 awardees representing 151 organizations; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreements by the Justice Advisory Council to utilize ARPA funding for multiyear terms through June 30, 2024, subject to appropriation by the Board in accordance with state and county fiscal years, for the Justice Advisory Council programs and initiatives as follows:

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