



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability

Other Part(ies): Village of Bellwood

Request: Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability and the Village of Bellwood (the Village) for the purpose of providing Climate Resiliency Plan Development services. The Climate Resiliency Plan Development Program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Goods or Services: The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability will provide the Village with Climate Resiliency Plan Development services to create an individualized climate resiliency plan with guidance of a contracted consultant.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Date of execution through - 12/31/2026

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Summary: The Climate Resiliency Development Program will support five communities in suburban Cook County in developing individualized Climate Resiliency Plans that identify efforts to bolster the community against climate threats and reduce the human and economic toll of climate change and natural disasters. This agreement is for the first phase of a two-phase program. Phase I includes a community-driven planning and prioritization process in which communities will set goals and identify projects to bolster resiliency. Communities that participate in the planning phase will have the opportunity to receive services to implement portions of their plans in Phase II. Such services will be identified in future agreements.

Participation in this program was available to suburban Cook County communities that do not have an existing Climate Resiliency Plan (or similar) updated within the past six years and require the technical assistance, funding, or staff resources to create one. Communities were selected through a competitive process which included evaluating written applications from 26 interested communities and conducting virtual interviews with seven applicants. Communities were also assessed based on indicators such as need for resources, tree canopy coverage, flooding risk and number of impervious surfaces.