



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE SMALL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,050,000

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage ("County") is a body corporate and politic; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated \$1,050,000 (ONE MILLION, FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to fund the Small Agency Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County shall fund the Small Agency Grant Program ("Program") with investment earnings from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") (P.L. 117-2); and

WHEREAS, County funding for each grant award shall be less than \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the County's funding for each Agency is not a donation and must be used to support human service activities in accordance with the County's statutory authority under various sections of the Counties Code (Chapter 55 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes) and other miscellaneous statutory authority related to the provision of human services activities granted to counties by the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the Small Agency Grant Program, an Agency must: (i) be a 501(c)(3) organization in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State; (ii) have annual revenue under \$300,000 as demonstrated by their most recently filed AG990-IL tax form; and (iii) provide programs and services in the areas of economic development including job readiness and literacy, education and mentoring, housing and shelter, behavioral health services, substance use disorder treatment, or food assistance; and (iv) complete an application detailing the specific activities and outcomes to be supported by County funds. Agencies which have previously received funding from the County under its Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES") (P.L. 116-136) program or its ARPA program are ineligible for the Program; and

WHEREAS, the County has established a review process for applicants for the Program. Eligible applicants must submit their application(s) through the County's Small Agency Grant Program on-line portal. The portal will be open for a 60-day period beginning no later than 10 business days from the date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, upon closure of the on-line portal, County staff and Assistant State's Attorneys will review the applications for completeness and determine the legality and eligibility of the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, County staff will also determine the County Board district based on the Agency's address; and

WHEREAS, upon the determination of the Agency's district of residence, the three County Board members from each district will review the applications from their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, the three County Board members shall prepare a recommendation as to which grant applicants should have their application approved ("district recommendations") and the recommended amount of funding to be awarded to each approved applicant. These district recommendations shall be prepared by unanimous agreement of the three County Board members elected from each district and shall be submitted as a unanimous report to the Human Services Committee. Each district recommendation shall recommend awards not to exceed a total of \$175,000, such that the total for all six districts does not exceed \$1,050,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DuPage County Board authorizes the existence and creation of this grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board directs County staff to execute this grant program in accordance with the criteria set forth in this resolution.

Enacted and approved this 9th day of May, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois.

DEBORAH A. CONROY, CHAIR
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest: _____

JEAN KACZMAREK, COUNTY CLERK