



Subcommittee on the Chicago Recovery Plan

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The Chicago Recovery Plan is the City's plan to amplify once-in-a-generation federal funding to create an equity-based investment strategy to catalyze a sustainable economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding under the Chicago Recovery Plan, which includes funding from the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") and over \$600 million in local bond funds, is allocated alongside all other available resources in the City budget to maximize this opportunity over the next 3-5 year funding period. The initiatives and strategic priorities that make up the Chicago Recovery Plan were a result of several stages of community engagement and input during the 2022 budget development process.

This site aims to provide information about the Chicago Recovery Plan to residents, delegate agencies, vendors and many other stakeholders, including opportunities to join us in building a better Chicago.

[Read the plan here.](#)



Brief Overview of the Chicago Recovery Plan

In response to the negative impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, Congress appropriated \$350 billion to the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP"). The City of Chicago was allocated \$1.887 billion from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("LFRF") for expenditures incurred March 2021 thru December 2024.

Through an extensive process of community engagement, consultation and analysis, the City developed an integrated plan designed to drive transformational change called the Chicago Recovery Plan. This plan invests along two main themes:



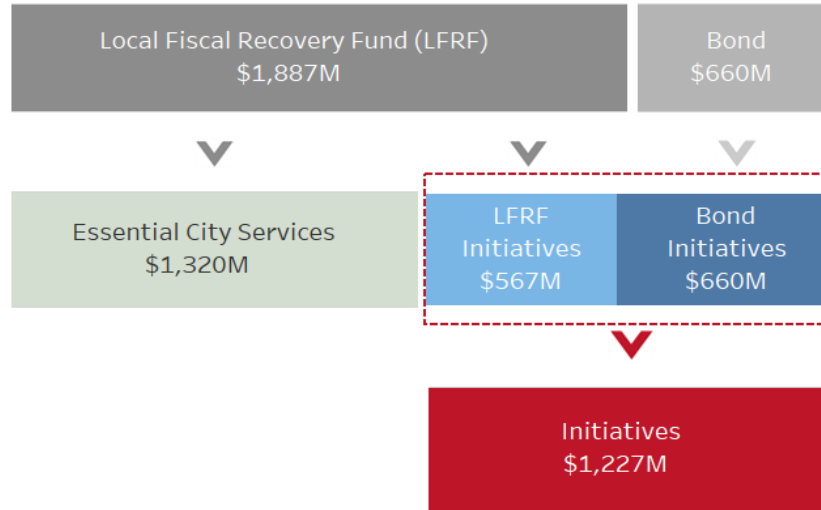
CHICAGO RECOVERY PLAN

\$2,547M

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The City's sources and uses of funds

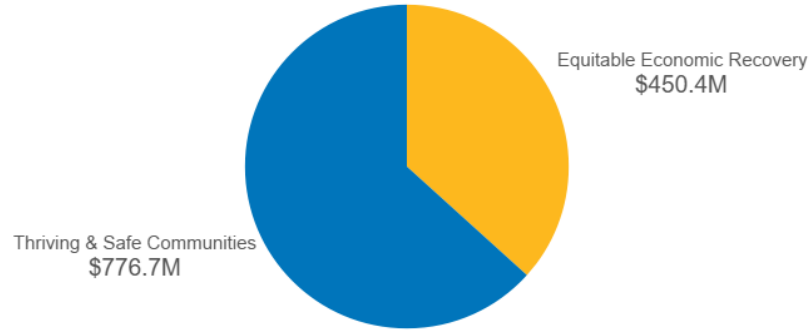


Key Terms & Definitions

Term	Definition
Essential City Services	Funding to maintain and expand core City services to meet the needs of existing residents and promote population and economic growth.
LFRF Initiatives and Bond Initiatives	An investment plan that seeks to address residents' most urgent needs. This investment plan aggregates to \$1.2 billion and includes initiatives that are split across its two strategic themes: (i) Thriving & Safe Communities, and (ii) Equitable Economic Recovery.

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of new investments will
focus on **two goals**

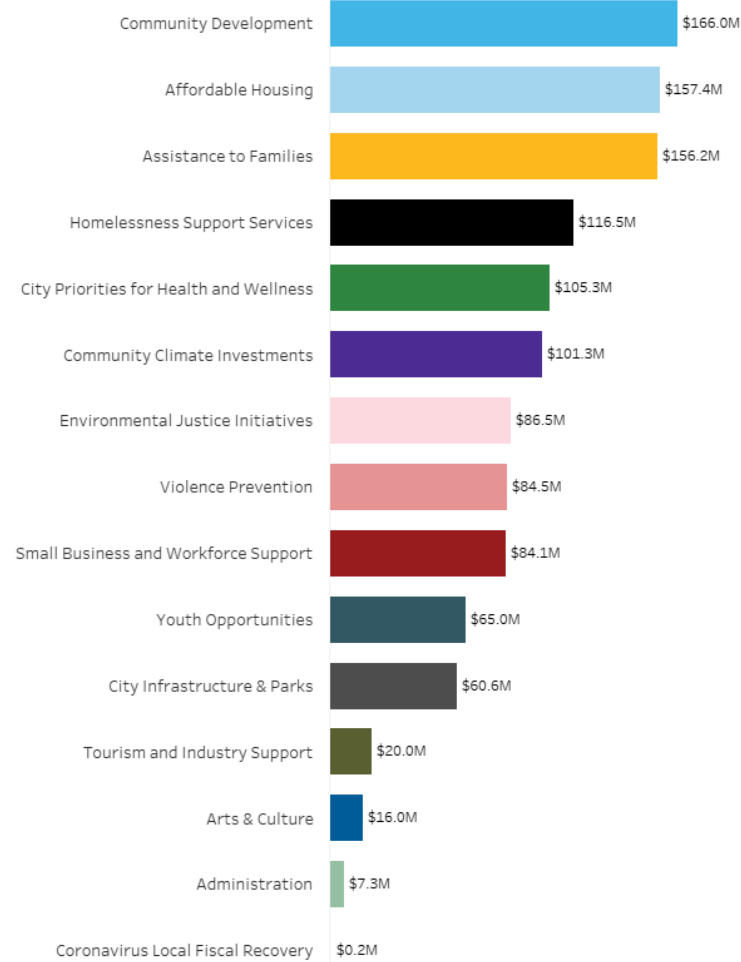


“Thriving & Safe Communities” represents the City’s commitment to address the root causes of violence by investing in the core social and community supports needed for all Chicagoans to thrive.

“Equitable Economic Recovery” provides targeted economic relief and neighborhood development support to businesses and communities hardest hit by the pandemic and invests in Chicago’s businesses and commercial communities to drive economic recovery.

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Priority Areas



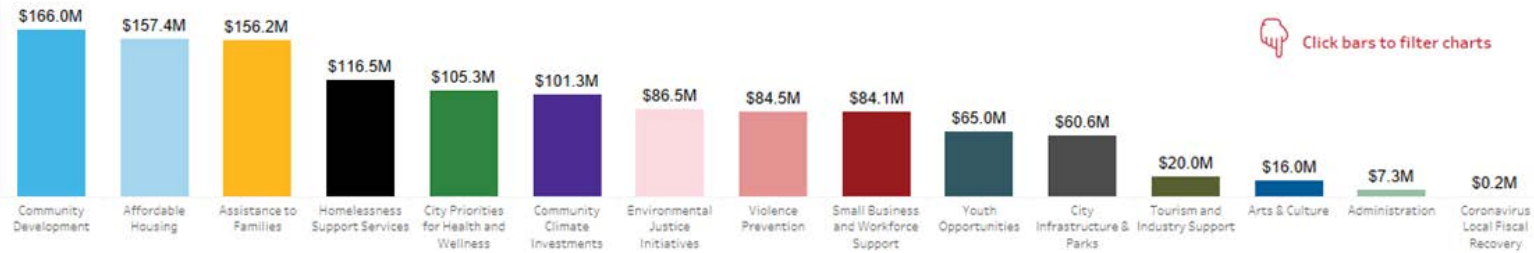
Initiatives

Click on a program name to view individual initiatives

Priority Areas:

\$1,227M

Priority Area: All
 Department: All
 Funding Type: All



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Initiative	Department	Budget (\$M)
Vacant lot reduction strategy	Transportation	\$53.0M
	Assets, Information, & Services	\$28.0M
	Planning & Development	\$6.0M
Development of Mixed-Use Housing	Housing	\$75.1M
Targeted financial and legal assistance for underserved residents	Family & Support Services	\$53.0M
	Business Affairs & Consumer Protection	\$18.0M
Youth programs	Family & Support Services	\$65.0M
Commercial corridors and responsive neighborhood activation investments	Planning & Development	\$46.6M
	Business Affairs & Consumer Protection	\$18.0M
Climate-Related Infrastructure Investments	Public Health	\$24.0M
	Assets, Information, & Services	\$13.3M
	Transportation	\$10.0M
	Streets & Sanitation	\$6.5M
	Planning & Development	\$6.5M
Vacant Buildings Rehab Program	Planning & Development	\$54.0M
Household Lead Abatement Program	Public Health	\$47.3M
Tree Canopy Equity Expansion Program	Streets & Sanitation	\$30.0M
	Transportation	\$16.0M
Resources for community safety initiatives and violence reduction	Public Health	\$45.0M
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects	Housing	\$21.0M
	Planning & Development	\$15.0M
	Assets, Information, & Services	\$5.0M
Permanent Supportive Housing	Housing	\$35.0M
Non-Congregate Housing	Housing	\$30.0M
Increasing access to broadband internet connection	Budget & Management	\$28.0M
Neighborhood Parks Improvement	Budget & Management	\$27.6M
Neighborhood Climate Resiliency Projects	Water Management	\$20.0M

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TIMELINE

The Chicago Recovery Plan provides funding for investments from 2022-2026. Project funded by the CRP are multi-year investments.

HIGHLIGHTS/PROGRESS TO DATE

- Issued and closed RFPs for Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot. Enrollment and external research for the Pilot began this month (June 2022)
- Issued RFP for expansion of trauma informed centers of care
- Expanded services contracts and capacity for Department of Streets and Sanitation to meet planting goal of 15,000 trees per year. Planted over 2,000 trees to date under this new program
- Reviewed 50% of city-owned inventory of vacant lots for environmental condition

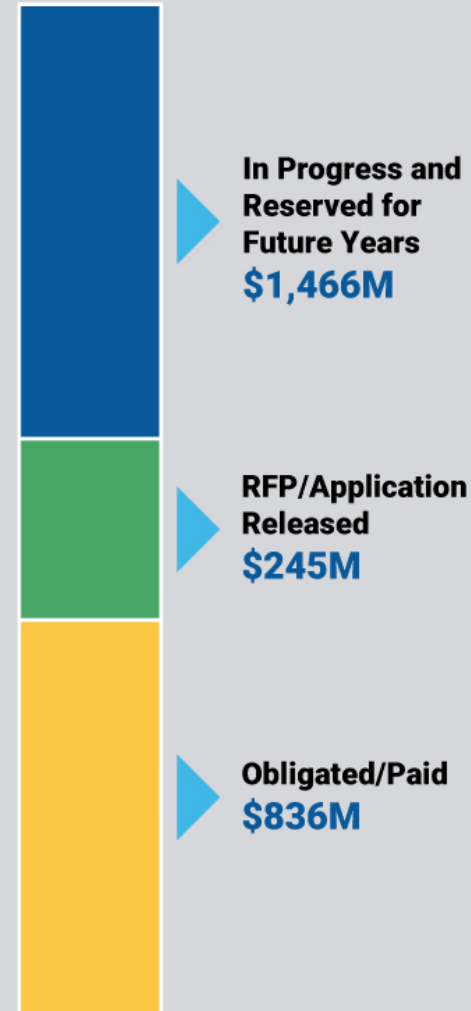
UPCOMING DASHBOARD UPDATES

- Obligation and expenditures data by Priority and Initiatives
- Initiative status update
- Outcome and KPI reporting
- Delegate expenditure reporting

For more information: Chicago.gov/RecoveryPlan

TOTAL CHICAGO RECOVERY PLAN BUDGET

\$2,547M





SMALL BUSINESS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Department of Planning and Development

Commissioner Maruice Cox

Public Outdoor Plazas or POP! (\$5M ARP)

Program overview:

- **Public Outdoor Plaza (POP!)** program is designed to help community-based organizations revitalize neighborhood retail corridors by creating strategic community gathering spaces on currently vacant lots.

Current status

- Announced 10 awardees (2 in Round 1 and 8 in Round 2)
- Round 1 plazas in West Garfield Park and Chatham are expected to be opened this summer
- Round 2 plazas in Austin, Roseland, North Lawndale, Bronzeville, Uptown, Woodlawn, and Humboldt Park are expected to be opened in Summer



POPGrove,
West Garfield Park



Mahalia Jackson Court,
Chatham

Public
Outdoor
Plazas

Round 1
Opened: 2/10

Round 1 Closed:
3/1 (announced
grantees 3/31)

Round 2
Opened: 3/22

Round 2 Closed:
4/8 (announced
grantees 6/1)

Corridor Ambassadors Program (\$5M ARP)

Program overview:

- The Corridor Ambassador program is enabling community-based organizations to enhance their support for commercial corridors across Chicago. This program supports organizations that will work with the City to hire and train community members to serve as ambassadors, creating a visible, welcoming presence at neighborhood commercial centers for residents and visitors.

Current status:

- Awards announced publicly on 5/24, majority of programs have launched
- 12 awards made, to 10 different community organizations
- Chicago Police Department and the Department of Family and Support Services are providing support to programs
- Chicago Public Schools is providing training based on CPS Safe Passage program



Corridor
Ambassadors

Application
Opened 3/4

Application
Closed 4/1

Grantees
Announced
5/24

Program
Starts
in June

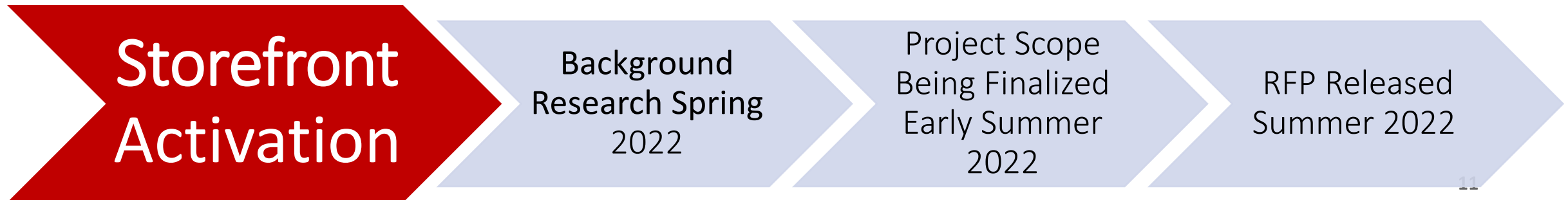
Storefront Activation (\$26M ARP)

Program Overview:

- The storefront activation program will address high vacancy rates on commercial corridors adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to provide an infusion of investment into targeted corridors to boost foot traffic and increase commercial activity.
- This program is still in the design phase; the City plans to provide grant funding to enable activation of vacant spaces through business activity and art installations.

Current Status:

- Program scoping and design in progress
- Initial RFP released Summer 2022



CHICAGO RECOVERY PLAN LINKS

Chicago Recovery Plan Websites

- [City Website with all open funding sources](#)
- [DPD's Recovery Webpage](#)
- [DPD's Public Outdoor Plaza \(POP!\) Program Webpage](#)
- [DPD's Corridor Ambassador Program Webpage](#)

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Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot

Department of Family and Support Services

Commissioner Brandie Knazze



Summary & Current Status

\$31.5M ARPA Funds

\$30M direct to households; \$1.5M for administrative costs

5,000 low-income Chicago households to receive \$500 per month for 12 months (\$6,000 total) via prepaid debit card or direct deposit.

- Citywide application and random selection lottery
- Eligibility: Chicago resident, 18 years or older, household income up to 250% of the Federal Poverty Line, have experienced economic hardship from COVID-19

\$1.9M Private Funds

Evaluation research study

Randomized controlled trial will study effects of cash on household financial stability, economic mobility & overall wellbeing

Current Status: Active

- 7 delegates awarded contracts (\$1.17M awarded for admin); all contracts live
- 3-week application period generated more than 176,000 applications across city, including 300+ per Ward

All applicants were updated about their status by May 31. Final verification, benefits counseling and enrollment has begun and will run through July, with the majority of the selected 5,000 households expected to receive their first \$500 payment by end of June.

Project Milestones

2022 Q1

- Advisory Group engagement
- RFPs issued 1/31 & awarded 3/11
- Eligibility, website & informational mailing list launched 2/24

2022 Q2

- Application announced 4/13
- Application period 4/25 – 5/13
- June-July enrollment
- Most first payments by 6/30

2022 Q3

- Program live with all 5,000
- Baseline research activities begin

2022 Q4

More than \$15M distributed (halfway point)

2023 Q1

Preliminary research results (baseline data)

2023 Q2

12-month pilot concludes

2024 Q1

Final research report released

Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot

Submitted Applications by Ward
May 2022



Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot

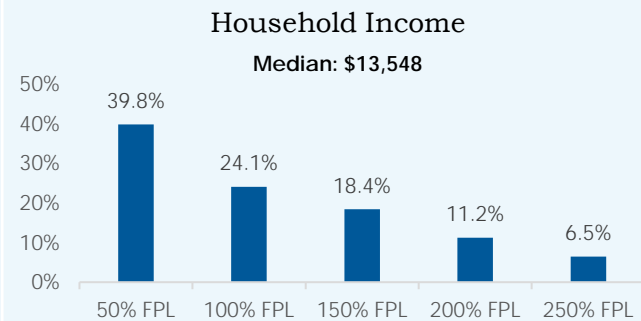
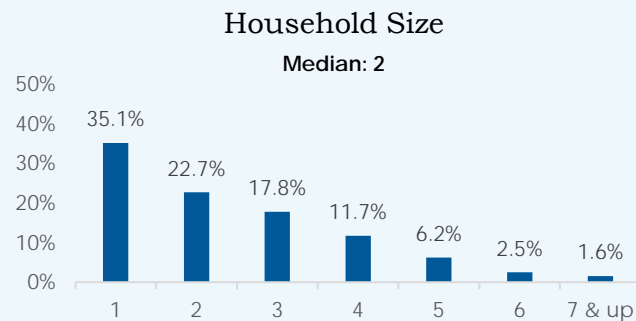
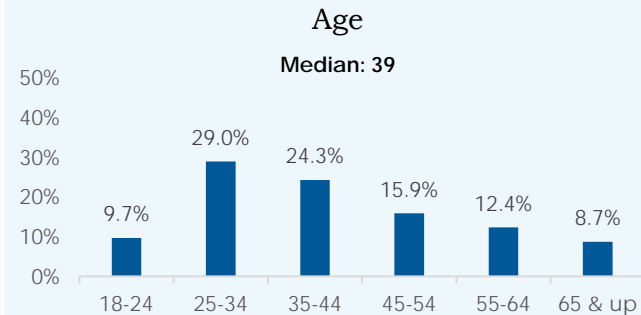
Key Data: Applications Submitted

Total Applications Submitted

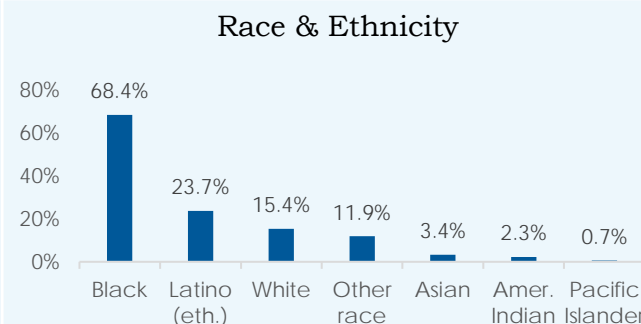
176,172

Median Completion Time

27 min 40 sec

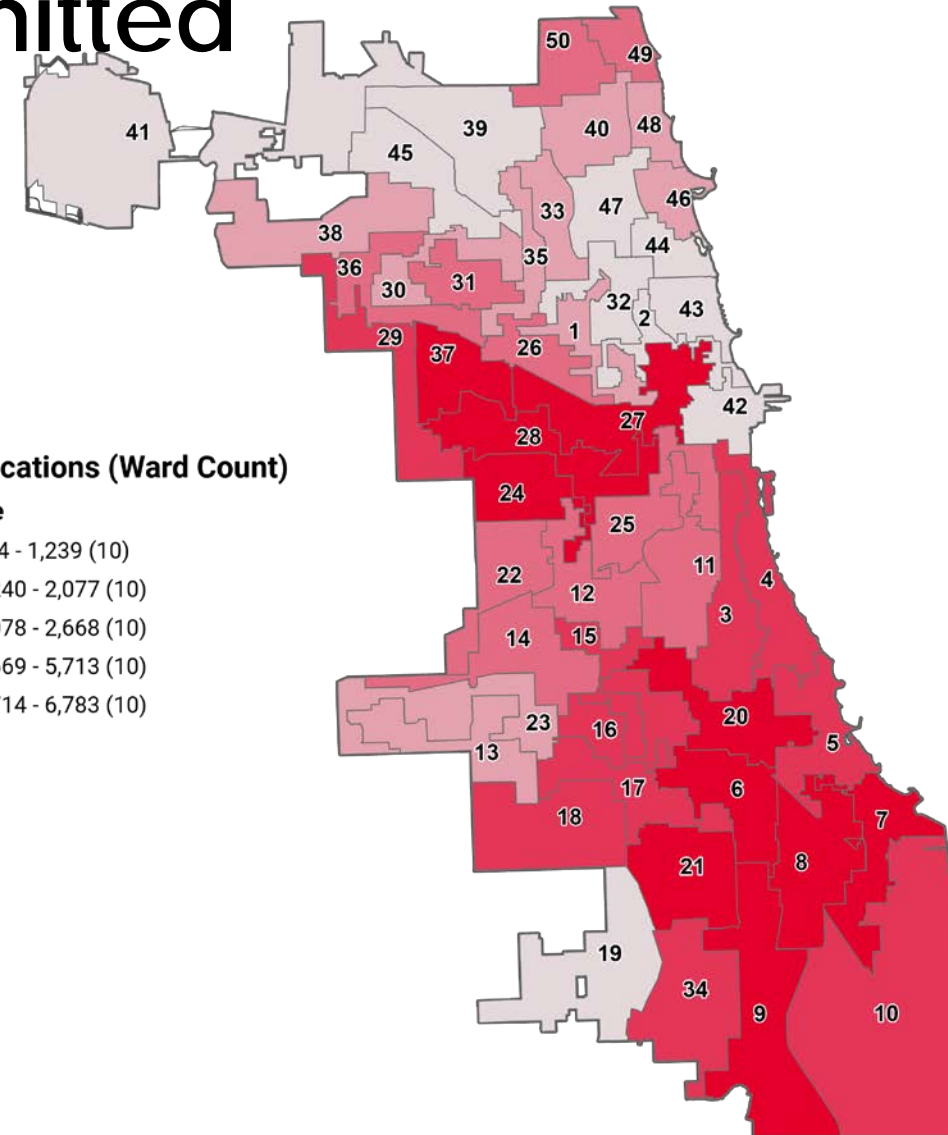
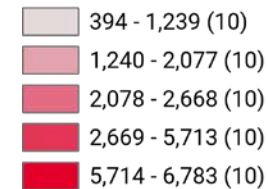


- ### Type of COVID-19 Impact (Top 5)
- Lost wages or hours (38.6%)
 - Unemployed 90+ days (36.1%)
 - Laid off due to COVID (24.1%)
 - Left work to provide care (18.6%)
 - COVID related medical expenses (12.3%)
 - 19.2% also selected "Other"



Applications (Ward Count)

Quantile





Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot

Key Data: Households Selected

Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot

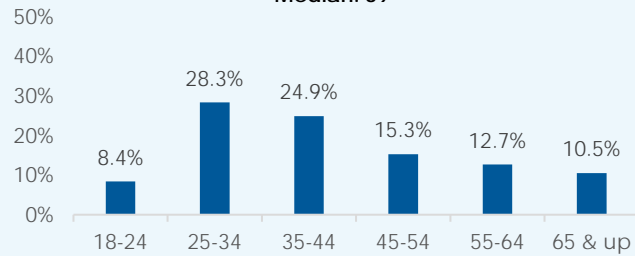
Selected Households by Ward
May 2022

Total Applications Selected

5,000

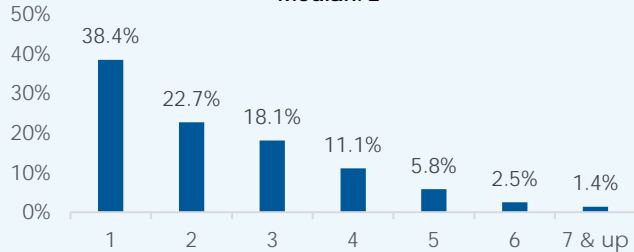
Age

Median: 39



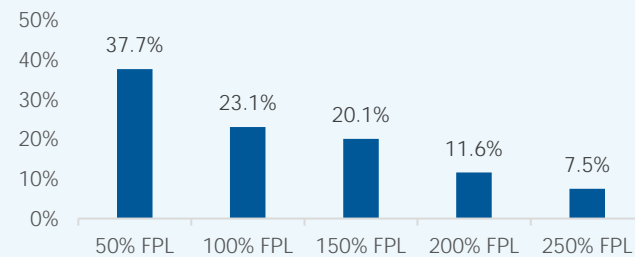
Household Size

Median: 2



Household Income

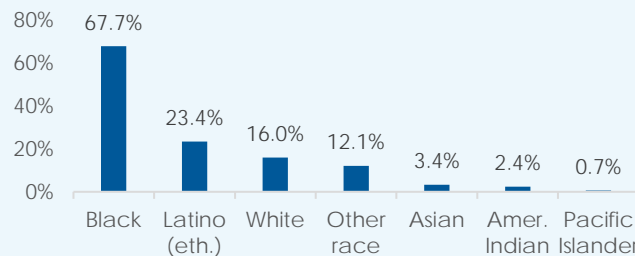
Median: \$14,000



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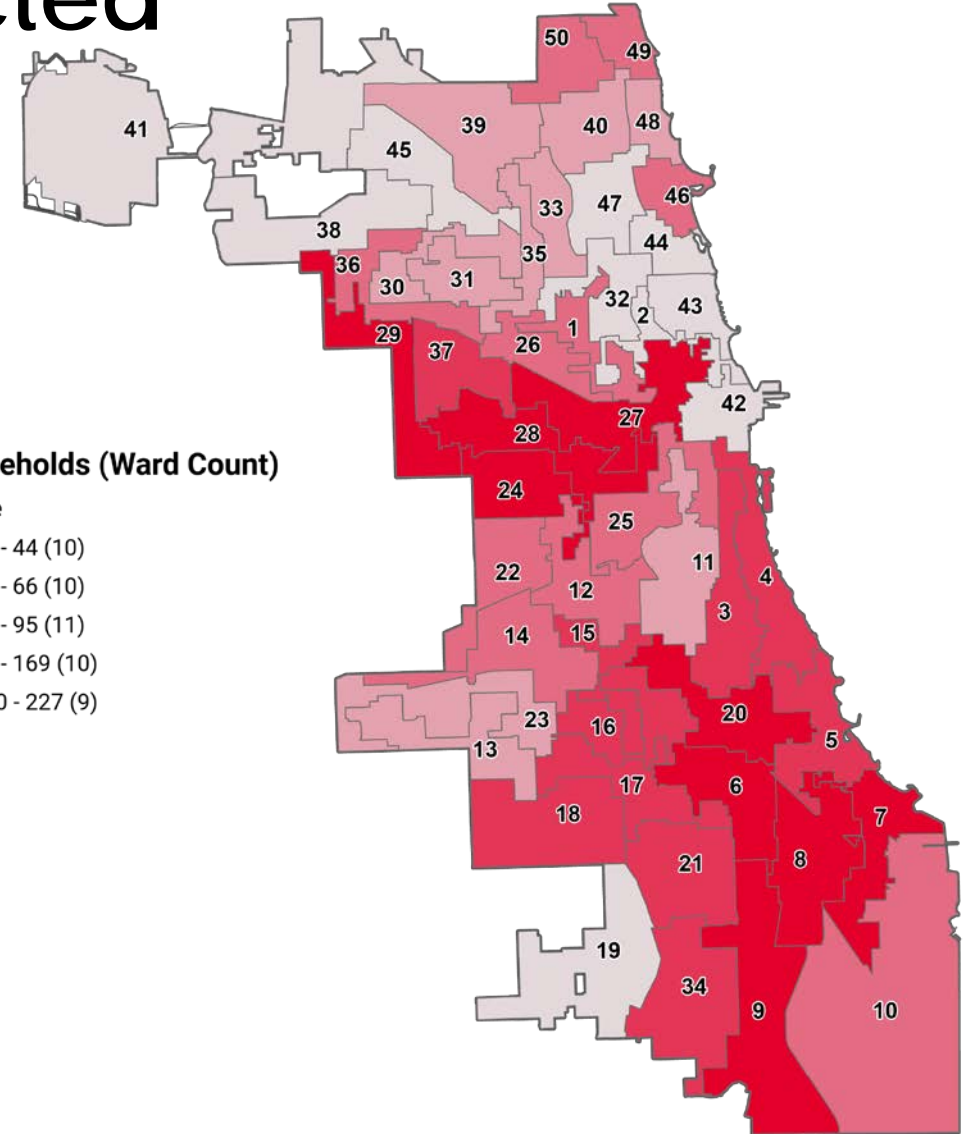
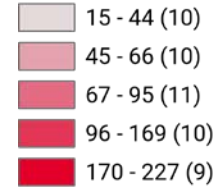
- Lost wages or hours (37.6%)
- Unemployed 90+ days (36.7%)
- Laid off due to COVID (23.8%)
- Left work to provide care (18.3%)
- COVID related medical expenses (12.2%)
- 18.6% also selected "Other"

Race & Ethnicity



Households (Ward Count)

Quantile





Evaluation Update

Mixed-methods evaluation to research: does an unconditional cash transfer of \$500 per month result in greater financial stability, economic mobility, wellbeing, and sense of agency?

Administrative Data Analysis

- Compare outcomes between enrollees and non-enrollees by securing access to credit bureau, employment, education, and housing stability data

Survey Analysis

- Quarterly surveys to measure outcomes not captured by administrative data

Qualitative Interviews

- 150 participants will be engaged at the beginning, middle, and end of the pilot to understand *how* cash impacts outcomes

Process Evaluation


- Interviews and program data will be analyzed to understand user experience and synthesize lessons learned in implementing the pilot



211 System

Department of Family and Support Services

Commissioner Brandie Knazze



211 System

\$5M ARPA Funds - City of Chicago

\$5M to be spent on the initial years of 211 through December 31, 2024

\$2.85M County Funds

\$1.5M Private Philanthropy

Current commitment; expected to increase

Through the launch of a comprehensive health and human services helpline, 211, residents will be able to call, text, or web chat with live agents and get information/referrals for any health or service they may need. This takes the burden off residents for navigating a complex system of social services in Chicago. The City is partnering with Cook County to launch this program in both Chicago and Cook County. This will be jointly funded by the City, the County, and private philanthropy.

Current Status: Program Design and Development

- A diverse group of stakeholders including government representatives, service providers, community-based organizations, and utilities sector representatives has been working since late summer 2021 to stand-up the 211 system
- United Way has been selected as the operating entity for 211
- The 211 system is being developed with lessons learned from the COVID resource hub, 211 systems around the country, and community research (conducted by Chapin Hall) in mind.
- Work is in progress to set up the website, database, webchat, and text systems, expected to launch in August 2022; call-in capabilities will be set up after the webchat and text system are completed and are expected to launch in October 2022.

Project Milestones

2022 Q1

- Advisory Group engagement
- Website vendor identified
- Telephony vendor and community research partner begin work

2022 Q2

- United Way identified as sole source for 211 provider
- Continued work on technology set up
- Marketing campaign developed

2022 Q3

- Marketing campaign begins
- Soft launch of select 211 services (web chat and text for housing, food, and utilities assistance)

2022 Q4

- Full launch of 211 including all services and web chat, text, and call-taking capabilities



WATER RECONNECTION

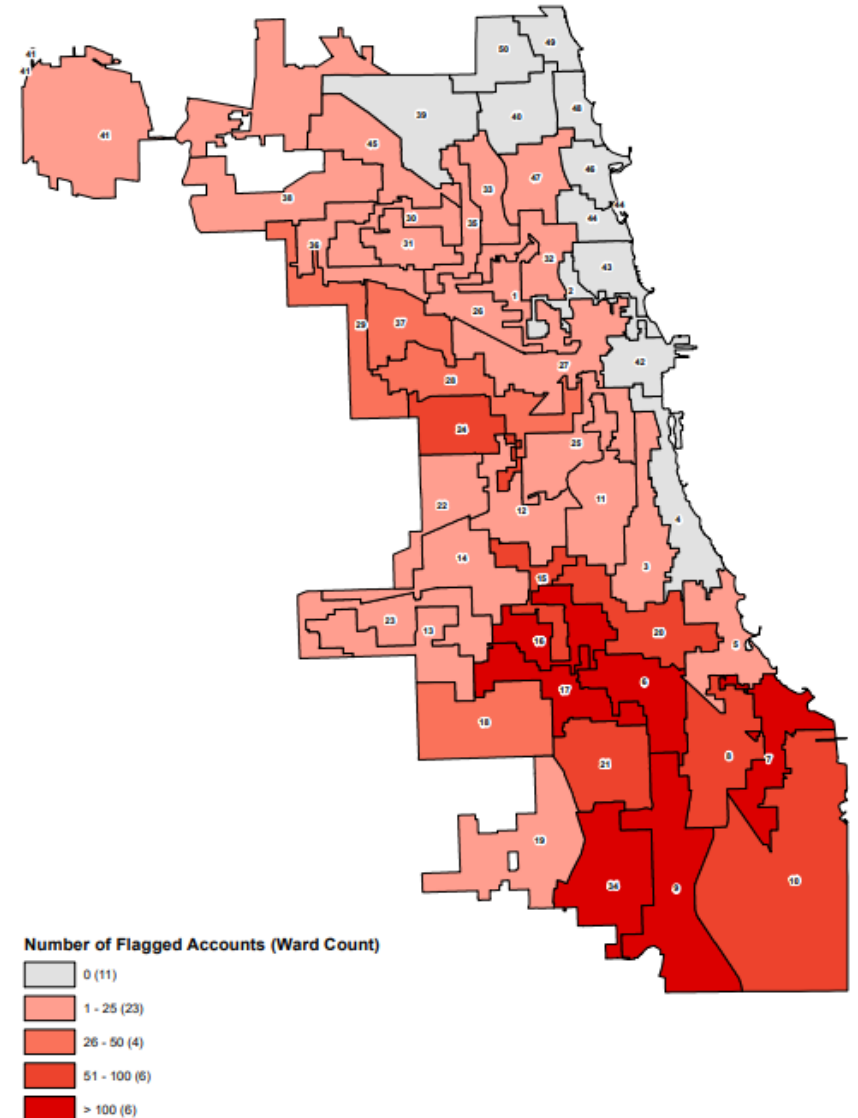
Department of Water Management

Andrea R H Cheng, PhD, Commissioner

★ Water Reconnection

General Overview

- \$13M in Recovery Bond Funding
- Will perform plumbing repairs associated with reconnecting water for residential homeowners whose water supply was previously disconnected for a variety of reasons
- Approximately 1,800 locations whose water supply was previously disconnected
 - Not all need reconnection – some have turned their water on, some are vacant
- Majority of residents in wards on the south and west sides
- Will assist homeowners in remaining in their homes by performing water-related repairs not currently covered by other programs
- Work to be performed by contractors managed by DWM





Water Reconnection

Project Status

- DWM finalizing procurement document
- Comprehensive Scope of Services:
 - Interior plumbing repairs and basic fixture repairs
 - New water meter installation
 - Lead service line replacement
 - Private drain repairs/replacement
 - Interior restoration associated with repairs
 - Exterior restoration associated with repairs
- To facilitate participation by diverse vendors, contract will be divided into 4 districts:
 - Far South (south of 79th St.)
 - South (79th St. to 55th St.)
 - Central (55th St. to North Ave.)
 - North (north of North Ave.)



Water Reconnection

Timeline

- Finalize DWM procurement spec draft: Q2 2022
- Finalize outreach plan: Q3 2022
- Contract award: Q3 2022
- Project start: Q4 2022

This initiative will supplement some of the other equity-focused DWM programs currently underway such as Equity Lead Service Line Replacement, Daycare Lead Service Line Replacement, and MeterSave



Other Key Project Updates

- **Legal Protection Fund (DFSS)**
 - Project Goal: \$3M (over 3 years) in CRP funding has been added to current delegate agencies to expand of outreach and education and legal services to Chicago Immigrants and Refugee Communities.
 - Progress: \$635K and \$365K has been added to the National Immigrant Justice Center and the Resurrection Project respectively increasing their capacity for outreach and legal services.
 - Upcoming Milestones: Research best practices for the FY23 program model.
- **Community Justice Initiative (DFSS)**
 - Project Goal: \$3M (over 3 years) in CRP funding has been added to current delegates to support residents with access to legal supports like expungement and sealing, legal consultation and representation, and resource clinics.
 - Progress: Additional funding has been added to FY22 contracts. Updates to the program are being reviewed to expand and target services to young and emerging adults ages 14-24.
 - Upcoming Milestones: Research best practices for the FY23 program model.
- **Resiliency Fund 2.0 (DFSS)**
 - Project Goal: 25,500 low-income Chicago households to receive one-time \$500 relief payments to residents negatively impacted by COVID-19 and were previously excluded from federal financial relief.
 - Progress: RFP for Program Administrator and Outreach Partners closed May 13. DFSS received responses for Households w/ Young Adult dependents and Households w/ elderly or disabled dependents. There were no respondents for outreach to undocumented residents or domestic workers. This is the second RFP release.
 - Upcoming Milestones: DFSS is in discussion with Law Department and OBM regarding how to procure outreach partners to remaining focus populations.



Other Key Project Updates

- **Workforce Apprenticeships (DFSS)**

- Project Goal: (\$10M) Strengthen and expand DFSS adult workforce supports. The project will employ a hyperlocal approach to link job seekers to paid apprenticeships in high growth sectors and in the trades. In order to reduce barriers to program participation, participants will have access to wrap-around support (e.g., transportation subsidies, childcare referral support services, emergency funds, etc.).
- Progress: Meeting with workforce partners internal and external to the city to identify short and long term plans
- Upcoming Milestones: Finalize outcomes and identifying apprenticeship partners

- **Re-entry Workforce Program (DFSS)**

- Project Goal: (\$10M) Expand workforce training opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals to attain employment and other stabilization services
- Progress: Staff hiring; Reviewing existing program models, metrics, and program recommendations from Mayoral Re-entry Task Force
- Upcoming Milestones: RFP design



Other Key Project Updates

- **Assistance to Families: Broadband (CFO)**

- Project Goal: Ensure all Chicagoans have access to affordable, quality broadband.
- Progress: Launched Chicago Digital Equity Council to hear directly from community members who face challenges with accessing quality internet, devices, and digital support. Learnings from community conversations throughout the summer will inform the design of neighborhood connectivity solutions.
- Upcoming milestones: Finalize agreement with broadband consulting firm (*Specification 1238786*), which will support the design and roll out of neighborhood broadband connectivity solutions

- **Community Health Navigator (CDPH)**

- Project Goal: Help Chicago residents access reliable information, recovery supports (e.g., economic and social programs and services), and specific health resources to promote overall health, resilience, and community well-being. Building on learnings from the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Corps, Community Health Navigators hired from within focus community areas will become a sustained public health outreach, education, and resource coordination workforce.
- Progress: Training current Contact Tracing Corps members to be deployed during summer months; RFP for expanded Community Health Response Corps open 5/26-6/27.
- Upcoming Milestones: Deploy Corps members to deliver navigation services in focus community areas beginning in June; transition program administration to new delegate agency this fall.