



COOK COUNTY
GOVERNMENT

DISTRICT OVERVIEW

2024-25

12th DISTRICT





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to share the 2024 Cook County District Overview Report for Offices Under the President (OUP). Through this document, we aim to provide you with a glimpse of the important work Cook County does every day to assist residents, businesses, organizations and communities.

Cook County is the heart of the nation's third-largest metropolitan area and is the second-largest county in the United States. It's one of the most diverse regions in the country and Cook County government plays a pivotal role in serving and supporting the needs of those who live and work here. We are responsible for promoting the health, welfare, and safety of our 5.1 million residents. We manage the nation's largest consolidated court system. We provide healthcare to anyone who needs it. We influence the effectiveness of the region's transportation system, provide recreational opportunities through the Forest Preserves and promote economic growth.



I firmly believe that everyone deserves supportive, accessible government services and thriving communities. And we could not do this alone. We work with a diverse range of community, business, social service, economic development, planning and other nonprofit organizations, big and small, to deliver our programs. I am grateful to the hundreds of partners that have made this work possible.

This Cook County District Overview Report reflects the work of an array of programs and initiatives led by the County and its bureaus and departments. From the nation's largest public guaranteed income pilot to the nation's first medical debt abolishment program using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, we are proud to lead this country with innovative ideas developed and implemented at the local level.

The funding for these programs comes from numerous sources, including the County's own resources, coupled with grants from the State of Illinois and federal agencies. Some of it has been supported by ARPA, a one-time injection of federal funds to help with COVID-19 recovery.

I am proud of this work, but our work doesn't end here. We will continue to move forward, together, building upon a strong financial foundation and the weighty responsibility of good government practices. I look ahead with hope, resilience and resolve.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Board of Commissioners



POLICY ROADMAP

This report covers Offices Under the President which is outlined in the [Annual Appropriation Department Line Item Budget](#) found on page 18, as well as Cook County Health and the Forest Preserves of Cook County.



OPEN COMMUNITIES

Ensure Cook County provides responsive, transparent services and develops a thriving, professional workforce that reflects the communities served.



SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Create safe communities and an equitable and fair legal system for all residents.



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Support healthy, resilient communities that thrive economically, socially and environmentally.



CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Provide innovative infrastructure that will connect people and communities to increase equity, support economic growth and improve residents' quality of life.



VITAL COMMUNITIES

Pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing business, attracting investment and nurturing talent.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Improve the physical, mental, and social well-being of Cook County residents and communities.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

This report is organized in two main parts:

1. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Metrics and key values for your district, organized by Policy Roadmap Pillar.
- Includes data for FY2024 and Q1 & Q2 FY2025, when available.

2. COUNTYWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

For each Policy Roadmap Pillar, there is:

1. An **introductory snapshot** highlighting a program and its accomplishments.
2. A **metrics page** detailing data for the entire county for FY2024 and Q1 & Q2 FY2025, when available.

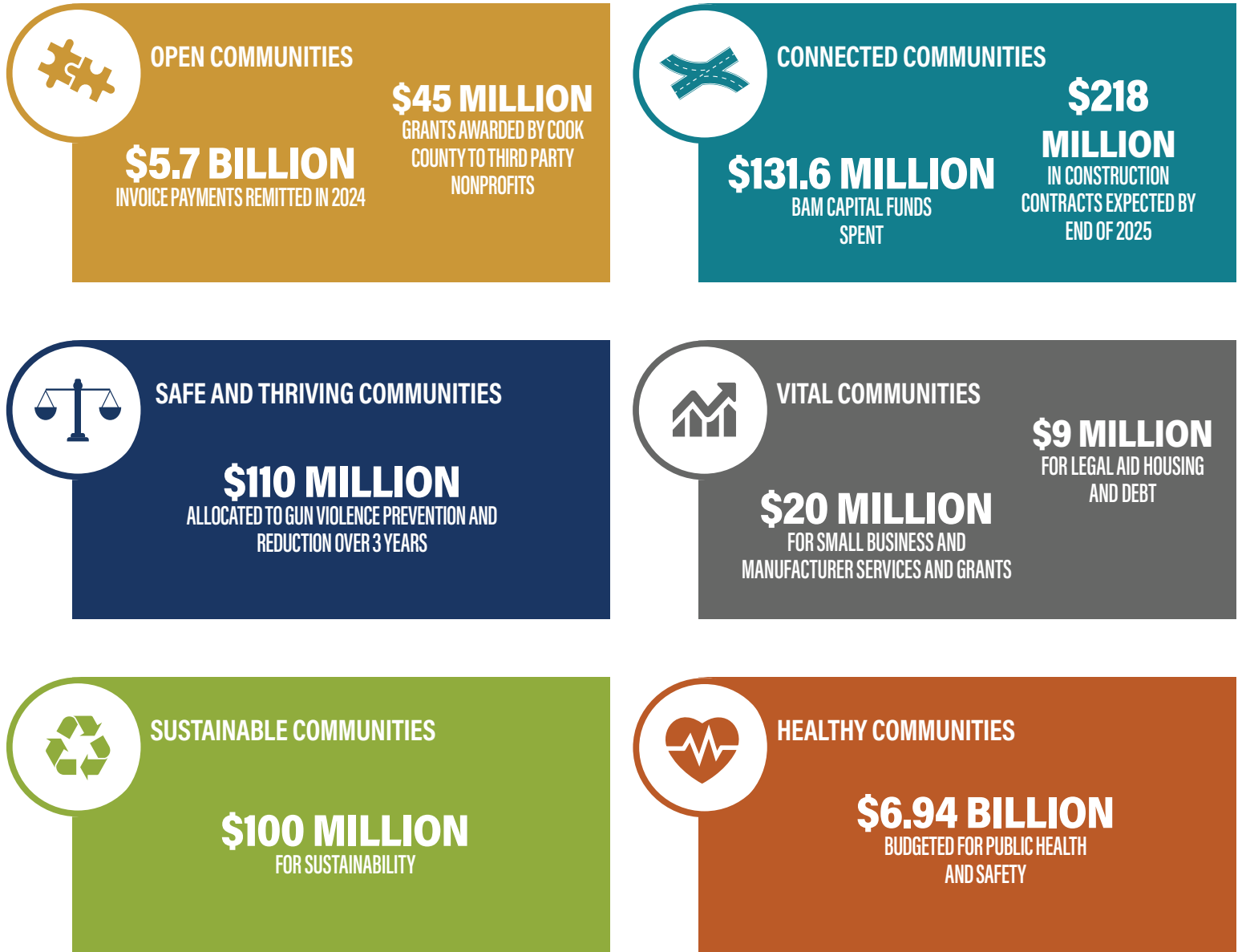
**Footnotes: Look for footnotes under tables – these clarify data definitions, timelines, and sources.*

"FY" refers to Fiscal Year (e.g., FY24 = Fiscal Year 2024). "CY" refers to Calendar Year (e.g., CY25 = Calendar Year 2025).



FY 2025 INVESTMENTS¹

Highlights of investments across Policy Roadmap Pillars.



¹ These amounts are highlights and do not reflect total investment.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

OPEN COMMUNITIES (GOOD GOVERNMENT)



	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
HUMAN RIGHTS AND ETHICS (DHRE): TRAININGS AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS ²	N/A ³	2
DHRE: HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS FILED ²	N/A ³	2

¹ Some County services are only provided in suburban or unincorporated Cook County due to the statutory authority of the City of Chicago. This distinction is reflected in the data presented here.

² District-level data is based on ZIP codes. In cases where a ZIP code spans multiple Commissioner districts, the data defaults to the lower-numbered district.

³ Data not tracked at district level for reporting period.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY PLANNING SUPPORT: # MUNICIPALITIES	N/A ²	1
MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT VIA CRITICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS: % MUNICIPALITIES	N/A ²	100%

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² Countywide data from the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security was submitted for FY24. There were limitations in technology and data collection that made District-level data difficult to collect. As of FY25, new software and processes have been implemented that allow for District-level data as is reflected for FY25 Q1 and Q2.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES



JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	Q1 FY25
INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY ZIP CODE OF RESIDENCE ^{2, 3}	904	245
UNDULICATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED ^{2, 3}	N/A⁸	245
DIRECT SERVICES PROVIDED BY GRANTEES ^{2, 4}	219	2
ACTIVE GRANTS DISTRIBUTED ^{4, 5, 6}	5	5
DIRECT SERVICE GRANTS ^{4, 5, 6}	1	1
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS ^{4, 5}	4	4
TOTAL \$ OF GRANTS ALLOCATED ^{4, 5}	\$469.4K	\$294.8K⁷

1 Some County services are only provided in suburban or unincorporated Cook County due to the statutory authority of the City of Chicago. This distinction is reflected in the data presented here.

2 Data used to calculate Q1 FY25 totals are from reports submitted for Q1 CY25. Data may be preliminary.

3 District level total is calculated using program participant zip code data as reported by grantee. There is duplication of participants across districts if zip codes overlap with multiple County Commissioner Districts.

4 District level total is calculated based on the location of the grantees' headquarters. While many grantees serve multiple districts, totals are calculated based only on the district a grantee is headquartered in.

5 Totals are based on grantees that had a FY2025 budget approved at the end of FY2024 and does not account for closures or budget reallocations. District level totals do not include grantees funded by the No Place to Stay or Reconnect grant initiatives since those grantees provide services across the entire county.

6 Active Grants includes all current JAC grants including agency capacity building, while Direct Service Grants are a subset of Active Grants that are providing direct services to participants such as community violence intervention.

7 Total reflects allocations for all of FY25, not just Q1.

8 Data not tracked at district level for this time period.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES



	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
REPRESENTATION IN EMERGENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS: # OF MUNICIPALITIES	N/A ²	1
EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING SUPPORT: TOTAL CONTACT HOURS	N/A ²	592
EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING SUPPORT: # OF FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINED	N/A ²	26
EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING SUPPORT: % OF FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINED	N/A ²	17%

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12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

VITAL COMMUNITIES



12th DISTRICT¹

MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF: TOTAL \$ CANCELLED (AUG. 2022-MAY 2025) ²	\$21.6M	
MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF: # BENEFICIARIES (AUG. 2022-MAY 2025) ²	21.6K	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
SMALL BUSINESSES RECEIVING ADVISING SERVICES	200	57
# SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANTS	141	N/A³
\$ SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANTS	\$2.4M	N/A³
# TAX INCENTIVES PROVIDED ⁴	2	1
\$ PRIVATE INVESTMENT LEVERAGED FROM TAX INCENTIVES	\$6.9M	\$600K
PROMISE PILOT PARTICIPANTS	18	18
CHICAGO RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PILOT PARTICIPANTS	175	175
PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED THROUGH COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM (ADULT AND YOUTH)	6	N/A⁵
MANUFACTURING REINVENTED: # TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROJECTS COMPLETED	1	3
MANUFACTURING REINVENTED: \$ TA PROJECTS COMPLETED	\$11.8K	\$39.3K

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² District-level values are estimates derived from ZIP code-level data.

³ No Source Grants were awarded in FY25.

⁴ One tax incentive location/business does not have an address.

⁵ Data collected annually.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
SOLID WASTE INSPECTIONS	17	0

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12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



FOREST PRESERVES	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	01-02 FY25
VOLUNTEER ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP HOURS	3.1K	N/A ²
NON-SCHOOL GROUP EVENT ATTENDANCE	317	N/A ²
PUBLIC EVENT ATTENDANCE	3.3K	N/A ²
SCHOOL GROUP EVENT ATTENDANCE	878	N/A ²
TREES PLANTED	1	N/A ²
ACRES OF FOREST PRESERVES UNDER RESTORATION	31	N/A ²

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² Data not tracked at the district level for the reporting period.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



	12th DISTRICT ¹	
	FY24	01-02 FY25
# RABIES CLINIC LOCATIONS	3	N/A ²
PET VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED: # RABIES AND DISTEMPER	709	N/A ²
MICROCHIPS PROVIDED	187	N/A ²
FOREST PRESERVE: EVENT PERMITS ISSUED	407	N/A ³
FOREST PRESERVE: EVENT PARTICIPANTS	45.1K	N/A ³

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2 Data not ready.

3 Data not tracked for time period.



12th DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



COOK COUNTY HEALTH (CCH)		12th DISTRICT ¹ AUG. 2024–JUL. 2025	
# PATIENTS ²			5.0K
# EMPLOYEES ²			254
# COUNTYCARE MEMBERS ³			15.0K
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CCDPH) ⁴		FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
RETAIL FOOD INSPECTIONS ⁵		1	1
TOTAL REPORTABLE DISEASES INVESTIGATED ⁶		64	42

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² A portion of the population was out of range or not counted due to unmatched, unreadable, incomplete, or missing address information. This may result in countywide totals differing from the aggregated sum of all districts.

³ Reflects all individuals enrolled with CountyCare at any point between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025, including members who subsequently disenrolled. Some members may have lost Medicaid eligibility, while others may have switched plans.

⁴ The Local Health Departments (LHDs) serving this district include: Chicago Department of Public Health.

⁵ Retail food establishment oversight in suburban Cook County varies by jurisdiction: CCDPH handles licensing and inspections in unincorporated areas, while some municipalities manage their own. Currently, 29 municipalities contract with CCDPH for this oversight. CCDPH also inspects select County facilities in Chicago and Forest Preserve concessions.

⁶ Districts outside CCDPH's coverage primarily show STI cases, as investigations follow provider location for those diseases.



COUNTYWIDE

OPEN COMMUNITIES

BUILD UP CAPACITY OF AND SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS TO GROW SELF-SUSTAINING, COMMUNITY- BASED INSTITUTIONS

The Bureau of Economic Development invests in local community-based nonprofits that offer services to meet residents' urgent needs including services for at-risk youth, the unhoused and those facing food insecurity in suburban Cook County. The Bureau has offered both funding and capacity-building assistance to local organizations throughout its history. Additional funding from ARPA and the Cook County Equity Fund have allowed BED to increase resources for local social service needs and support community-driven change.

30+

FOOD PANTRIES

have received grants or technical assistance from Cook County.

32,000+

HOUSEHOLDS

served by food pantries.





COUNTYWIDE

OPEN COMMUNITIES (GOOD GOVERNMENT)



Ensure Cook County provides responsive, transparent services and develops a thriving, professional workforce that reflects the communities served.

	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY23	01-02 FY25
INVOICE PAYMENTS REMITTED	\$5.7B	\$3.7B
	FY24	01-02 FY25
GRANTS AWARDED BY COOK COUNTY TO THIRD PARTY NONPROFITS	\$45.0M	N/A ¹
MBE / WBE CERTIFIED VENDORS	654	693
TRAININGS AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS (DHRE)	112	86
HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS HANDLED (DHRE)	138	205
BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES (BHR): % EMPLOYEE DIVERSITY REFLECTIVE OF COMMUNITY	98.50%	N/A ¹
BHR: % MANDATORY COMPLIANCE TRAININGS COMPLETED	99.60%	N/A ¹
ACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSES	77	77

¹ Data collected annually.



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OPEN COMMUNITIES (GOOD GOVERNMENT)



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GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RATINGS

	FY24		Q1-Q2 FY25	
MOODY'S INVESTOR SERVICE ¹	A1	STABLE OUTLOOK	A1	STABLE OUTLOOK
FITCH RATINGS	AA	POSITIVE OUTLOOK	AA	POSITIVE OUTLOOK
STANDARD & POOR'S	A+	STABLE OUTLOOK	A+	STABLE OUTLOOK

SALES TAX BOND RATINGS

	FY24		Q1-Q2 FY25	
KROLL BOND RATING AGENCY	AAA	STABLE OUTLOOK	AAA	STABLE OUTLOOK
FITCH RATINGS	AA	POSITIVE OUTLOOK	AA	POSITIVE OUTLOOK
STANDARD & POOR'S	AA-	STABLE OUTLOOK	AA-	STABLE OUTLOOK

¹ In September 2025, Moody's Ratings upgraded Cook County's bond rating from A1 to Aa3 marking the fourth ratings upgrade for the County in less than four years.



COUNTYWIDE

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Invest in Cook

Invest in Cook is an annual **\$8.5 million** grant program administered by the County's Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) to help local governments and agency partners further their transportation projects by providing funds to match or cover costs of planning and feasibility studies, engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction associated with transportation improvements. In 2024, the program received an additional infusion of **\$25 million** with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which funded **53** additional Invest in Cook projects throughout the County. This program seeks projects consistent with the priorities of Connecting Cook County, the County's long-range transportation plan, as well as the recommendations of more specialized Cook County transportation plans.

Transportation Funding Impact

\$8.5 MILLION
ANNUAL PROGRAM INVESTMENT
Supporting local governments
and agency partners

5x RETURN ON INVESTMENT
These funds secure over 5 times more in additional funding from local sources, state agencies and federal programs

Project Type

	2023		2024	
Type	# of Projects	Award	# of Projects	Award
Transit	3	\$1,250,000	4	\$1,205,000
Freight	2	\$425,000	1	\$500,000
Pedestrian	10	\$1,400,251	12	\$2,402,998
Bike	9	\$1,307,000	6	\$906,600
Roadway	14	\$3,669,910	12	\$2,980,515
Total	37	\$7,752,161	35	\$7,995,113

- Direct High Need recipient awards is 54%; rises to 62% including projects implemented in high need township census tracts.
- In 2024, \$7.9 million worth of Invest in Cook funds were supplemented by an additional \$41.8 million in local, state and federal funding.

The 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program can be found [here](#).





COUNTYWIDE

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



Provide innovative infrastructure that will connect people and communities to increase equity, support economic growth and improve residents' quality of life.

	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY24	01-02 FY25
MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY PLANNING SUPPORT: # MUNICIPALITIES	16	74
MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY PLANNING SUPPORT: % MUNICIPALITIES	12%	43%
MUNICIPAL ENGAGEMENT VIA CRITICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS: % MUNICIPALITIES	100%	100%
TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS: MAINTENANCE SPECIAL SERVICE REQUESTS COMPLETED	788	367
BUREAU OF ASSET MANAGEMENT (BAM): CAPITAL \$ SPENT	\$131.6M	\$26.4M
BAM: # BUILD UP COOK INVESTMENTS	10	N/A ¹
BAM: # CAPITAL PROJECTS	255	174
BROADBAND EXPANSION: MILES OF FIBER INSTALLED	55.25	55.25 ²

¹ Data collected annually.

² This value represents the cumulative total of miles of fiber installed since the beginning of the Broadband Expansion Project. It does not represent the miles of fiber added in FY2025.



COUNTYWIDE

SAFE & THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Community Violence Intervention (CVI):

Total CVI investment since 2022 is **\$60,972,269**. This work is amplified by the coordination of CVI investment strategies from the State and City through the Government Alliance for Safe Communities and evaluation work by Northwestern CORNERS.

Reentry:

Completed pilot phase for Cook County Reconnect, a reentry initiative that provides rental assistance and wraparound services to returning residents. Over **150 households** are housed or in the housing pipeline.

Community Engagement:

Launched a second Cook County Racial Equity Cohort fellowship program for justice system impacted community members that includes co-learning with justice system stakeholders.



- **15,917 people served** through JAC funded programs in 2024.
- More highlights from 2024 can be found [here](#).



"With Cook County's support, we can expand our outreach—connecting with neighbors, providing trauma-informed care, and walking alongside those most affected by violence."

– Yolanda Fields,
Executive Director,
Breakthrough



COUNTYWIDE

SAFE & THRIVING COMMUNITIES



Create safe communities and an equitable and fair legal system for all residents.

JUSTIC ADVISORY COUNCIL	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY24	Q1 FY25
INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY ZIP CODE OF RESIDENCE ¹	26.8K	6.4K
UNDUPLICATED INDIVIDUALS SERVED ¹	15.9K	6.4K
DIRECT SERVICES PROVIDED BY GRANTEES ¹	60.7K	11.5K
REFERRALS TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES FOR SERVICES ¹	16.3K	2.8K
ACTIVE GRANTS DISTRIBUTED ^{2, 3}	193	149
DIRECT SERVICE GRANTS ^{2, 3}	113	68
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS	80	81
TOTAL \$ OF GRANTS ALLOCATED ⁴	\$70.5M	\$43.8M

1 Data used to calculate Q1 FY25 totals are from reports submitted for Q1 CY25. Data may be preliminary.

2 FY25 total does not include grant initiatives that began after December 2024.

3 Active Grants includes all current JAC grants including agency capacity building, while Direct Service Grants are a subset of Active Grants that are providing direct services to participants such as community violence intervention.

4 Total reflects allocations for all of FY25, not just Q1. Total is based on grantees that had a FY2025 budget approved at the end of FY2024.

5 Data used is from grantee programming metrics reports submitted in CY24.

PEOPLE SERVED⁵:

Race	%
Black or African American	67.1%
White	10.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.4%
Asian	1.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2%
Other	9.1%
Prefer Not to Answer	9.7%

Ethnicity	%
Not Hispanic or Latino	64.4%
Hispanic or Latino	22.3%
Prefer Not to Answer	13.3%

Gender	%
Man	47.5%
Woman	47.3%
Nonbinary / Gender Non-conforming	1.2%
Transgender Woman / Transfeminine	0.1%
Transgender Man / Trans-masculine	0.1%
Other	0.1%
Prefer Not to Answer	3.7%



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SAFE & THRIVING COMMUNITIES



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	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY24	01-02 FY25
MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION IN EMERGENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS	314	79
EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING SUPPORT: TOTAL CONTACT HOURS	3.6K	15.8K
EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING SUPPORT: # OF FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINED	206	580
EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING SUPPORT: % OF FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINED	66%	22%



COUNTYWIDE

Vital Communities

Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt (CCLAHD) helps residents and small, unrepresented landlords resolve eviction, foreclosure, consumer debt, and tax deed issues pre-court and during the court process. CCLAHD is comprised of the Early Resolution Program (ERP) led by Chicago Bar Foundation and focused on eviction and consumer debt issues, and the Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program (MFMP), led by the Illinois Housing Development Authority. The Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County is a key partner in both ERP and MFMP and provides in-court case management staffing.



Rebecca Wilson (left) with CUL advisor Diane McDonald

“ I would absolutely recommend business advising! I think that's why my business is doing so well now, because I have been able to take [advising with the CUL] and other advising groups. They have so many resources available to small businesses and I get a little something great from each one! **”**

Sheila is an 82-year-old retired woman who was living stably with Social Security retirement benefits as her sole source of income and was not able to pay a debt collection case from an older debt. The Early Resolution Program referred Sheila to a legal aid partner who specializes in serving elderly and disabled clients. Her lawyer asked the creditor to dismiss the case based on Sheila's finances, which the creditor eventually agreed to do. When her lawyer called to let Sheila that her case had been dismissed, she wept and said, "You were a miracle. I am so grateful, words cannot express my gratitude. Thank you, thank you, thank you."



"I really like that the Cook County Source and the RPBA have these programs where if you need help on a specific question, you have a one-on-one, private moment. They'll sit you down and guide you step by step."

Reyna Gonzalez (right) with advisor Alexia Guzman, of the Rogers Park Business Alliance

Cook County Small Business Source - The Source strives to support, grow and elevate small businesses by providing no-cost business advising, resources, events and grants. Its network of business support organizations includes over 50 community partners, with funding from the State of Illinois Community Navigator Program and We Rise Together, who provide expert advising and assistance tailored to each businesses' needs.

More information on the Bureau of Economic Development's impact can be found [here](#).

Default judgment – when the court automatically rules in favor of the plaintiff because the defendant fails to respond or to show up in court – **has plummeted to ~ 20%** contrasting the 40-60% before CCLAHD



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VITAL COMMUNITIES



Pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing business, attracting investment and nurturing talent.

	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF: TOTAL \$ CANCELLED (AUG. 2022-MAY 2025)	\$664.7M	
MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF: # BENEFICIARIES (AUG. 2022-MAY 2025)	556.8K	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
SMALL BUSINESSES RECEIVING ADVISING SERVICES	7.6K	915
# SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANTS	3.0K	N/A ¹
\$ SMALL BUSINESS SOURCE GRANTS	\$50.0M	N/A ¹
# TAX INCENTIVES PROVIDED ²	60	20
\$ PRIVATE INVESTMENT LEVERAGED FROM TAX INCENTIVES ³	\$374.6M	\$89.4M
211: CONTACTS VIA CALLS, TEXTS, LIVE CHATS, AND EMAILS	87.5K	42.3K
PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED THROUGH COMMUNITY CORPS PROGRAM (ADULT AND YOUTH)	270	152
MANUFACTURING REINVENTED: # TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROJECTS COMPLETED	110	96
MANUFACTURING REINVENTED: \$ TA PROJECTS COMPLETED	\$1.4M	\$1.2M
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: # CAPITAL INVESTMENTS ⁴	36	28

1 No Source Grants were awarded in FY25.

2 One tax incentive location/business does not have an address.

3 Data set used may not reflect the updated commissioner districts.

4 There are 28 projects but one of the projects is in two districts so it is being counted twice.



COUNTYWIDE

VITAL COMMUNITIES CONTINUED



Pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing business, attracting investment and nurturing talent.

	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
SHELTER NIGHTS PROVIDED	68.3K	43.8K
UNHOUSED PEOPLE SERVED	721	681
LEGAL AID FOR HOUSING AND DEBT: RESIDENTS SERVED	29.7K	17.0K
LEGAL AID FOR HOUSING AND DEBT: CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED	23.1K	12.6K
VETERANS EVENTS	374	16
VETERANS SERVED BY PARTNERS	134.5K	3.0K
CONTACTS RECEIVED BY DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	58.8K	266
PROMISE PILOT PARTICIPANTS ¹	3.2K	3.3K
CHICAGO RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PILOT PARTICIPANTS	4.9K	4.9K
LAW LIBRARY		
# VISITORS	31.6K	20.9K
SEARCHES RUN USING COUNTY RESEARCH TOOLS (LEXIS AND WESTLAW)	94.8K	2.2K
LEGAL RESEARCH TRAINING SESSIONS	14	19
REGISTRANTS FOR TRAINING SESSIONS	273	286

¹ Some individuals that participated in the pilot were not assigned to a commissioner district due to their housing situation.



COUNTYWIDE

Sustainable Communities

Center for Hard to Recycle
Materials (CHaRM) diverted

2 MILLION+

POUNDS of recyclable
materials since April 2023

Department of Environment and
Sustainability secured

\$160,000

in grant funding
for Villages of Posen, Phoenix and Dixmoor for
curbside recycling programs

RECYCLING INITIATIVES

The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM Center) has diverted over **2 million** pounds of materials away from regional landfills since its opening in April 2023. In 2024, CHaRM on Wheels participated in six community events between its opening in April 2023 through the end of 2024.

CHaRM Center Achievements

- Successfully diverted over **2 million** pounds of materials away from regional landfills since opening
- Developed partnerships with Loyola University Hospital, Illinois Medical District Hospitals and other entities to recycle electronics, Styrofoam and clothing
- CHaRM on Wheels participated in six community events, providing residents opportunities to dispose of hard to recycle materials
- 2024 NACo Achievement Award for CHaRM Center

Municipal Recycling Grant Program

- Cook County established the Municipal Recycling Grant Program and committed nearly **\$1 million** from ARPA and the Cook County Equity Fund to provide funding to suburban Cook municipalities for waste diversion programs and projects like curbside residential recycling services. Additionally, DES secured **\$160,000** in grant funding from the Recycling Partnership for the program. In November 2024, the Villages of Posen, Phoenix and Dixmoor were named the first recipients with recycling services beginning in spring 2025.
- The three villages added curbside recycling services for the next four years, purchased and distributed new recycling carts and provided each household with educational materials to support the initiative.

More information:

- Cook County's Environmental Justice Survey Report can be found [here](#).
- Solid Waste Management Plan can be found [here](#).



COUNTYWIDE

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



Support healthy, resilient communities that thrive economically, socially and environmentally.

	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
% CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION (SINCE 2010)		49%
	APR. 2023-NOV. 2024	Q1-Q2 FY25
POUNDS OF MATERIALS COLLECTED THROUGH THE CENTER FOR HARD TO RECYCLE MATERIALS (CHARM) AND DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS	2.2M	780K
HOUSEHOLDS VISITING CHARM CENTER	13.8K	1.0K
HOMES ASSESSED THROUGH HEALTHY HOMES FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM	175	89
	NOV. 2022-FEB. 2025	Q1-Q2 FY25
POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED THROUGH THE BUSINESSES REDUCING IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (BRITE) PROGRAM	52	9
POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS AWARDED TO BUSINESSES THROUGH THE BRITE PROGRAM	7	3
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
HOMES THAT RECEIVED RETROFITS AND UPGRADES THROUGH HEALTHY HOMES FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM	57	54
SITES ASSESSED THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM ¹	30	18
SOLAR INSTALLATIONS PLACED ON RESIDENCES THROUGH SUN AND SAVE PROGRAM	19	26

1 Some sites received multiple assessments but were counted only once.



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	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY24	01-02 FY25
OPEN BURNING PERMITS ISSUED	140	56
ASBESTOS PERMITS ISSUED	1.7K	908
DEMOLITION PERMITS ISSUED	1.4K	692
COMMERCIAL BUSINESS INSPECTIONS	1.1K	503
INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS INSPECTIONS	1.2K	411
ASBESTOS/DEMO INSPECTIONS	1.0K	458
SOLID WASTE INSPECTIONS	951	403
FOREST PRESERVES	FY24	01-02 FY25
VOLUNTEER ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP HOURS	69.8K	28.6K
ACRES OF FOREST PRESERVES UNDER RESTORATION	22.1K	13.7K
ACRES OF FOREST PRESERVES INITIATED	610.64	1.2K
NON-SCHOOL GROUP EVENT ATTENDANCE	10.8K	4.2K
PUBLIC EVENT ATTENDANCE	85.6K	28.2K
SCHOOL GROUP EVENT ATTENDANCE	26.3K	10.4K
TREES PLANTED	209	103



COUNTYWIDE

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

As one of the largest public health systems in the nation, Cook County Health provided care to **186,837** patients, provided coverage to **528,066*** CountyCare members, and employed **5,236** staff.

[Timeframe: 8/1/24 - 7/31/25]

Cook County Health's Strategic Plan can be found [here](#).



**Please note that the 528K CountyCare enrollment figure represents all individuals enrolled with CountyCare at any time between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025, including members who have since left CountyCare. Some members may have lost Medicaid eligibility, while others may have changed plans. The point-in-time membership count reported to the Cook County Health Board of Directors in July 2025 was 413,833 active members (as of June 12, 2025).*

Recent quotes from patients:

"I am impressed with the whole process. The staff was excellent, they know what they were doing. In opinion they were all competent and also know how to deal with people."

"I just have to say thank you. They are very professional and competent with regards to health and the treatment of human beings."



COUNTYWIDE

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Improve the physical, mental, and social well-being of Cook County residents and communities.

	TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	
	FY24	Q1-Q2 FY25
TOTAL BUDGETED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY	\$6.94B	N/A¹
LEAD SERVICE LINE PILOT: # PARTICIPATING FACILITIES	261	117
LEAD SERVICE LINE PILOT: LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS COMPLETED	108	40
INVESTMENTS IN FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE FRESH FOOD: # FOOD ACCESS SITES FUNDED ²	39	N/A³
INVESTMENTS IN FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE FRESH FOOD: \$ GRANTS	\$285.7K	N/A³
FOREST PRESERVE: EVENT PERMITS ISSUED	8.0K	2.4K
FOREST PRESERVE: EVENT PARTICIPANTS	911.2K	321.8K
ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL (ARC)		
# COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUESTS PROVIDED	394	647
# RABIES CLINIC LOCATIONS	41	10
RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS HELD	44	10
PET VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED: # RABIES AND DISTEMPER	8.9K	2.0K
MICROCHIPS PROVIDED	2.6K	463

¹ Data not tracked for time period.

² Includes two sites that were not geocoded to a specific commissioner district. All of the food pantry grants were awarded in FY24. No new pantries received funding in FY25.

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COOK COUNTY HEALTH (CCH)		TOTAL COUNTYWIDE AUG. 2024–JUL. 2025	
# PATIENTS ¹			186.8K
# EMPLOYEES ¹			6.2K
# COUNTYCARE MEMBERS ²			528.1K
# PRIMARY VISITS			266.2K
# SPECIALTY VISITS			587.7K
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CCDPH)		FY24	01-02 FY25
NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED		5.0K	6.4K
NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED PER SITE		748	48
RETAIL FOOD INSPECTIONS ³		3.2K	3.1K
TOTAL REPORTABLE DISEASES INVESTIGATED ⁴		22.7K	12.3K

¹ A portion of the population was out of range or not counted due to unmatched, unreadable, incomplete, or missing address information. This may result in countywide totals differing from the aggregated sum of all districts.

² Reflects all individuals enrolled with CountyCare at any point between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025, including members who subsequently disenrolled. Some members may have lost Medicaid eligibility, while others may have switched plans.

³ Retail food establishment oversight in suburban Cook County varies by jurisdiction: CCDPH handles licensing and inspections in unincorporated areas, while some municipalities manage their own. Currently, 29 municipalities contract with CCDPH for this oversight. CCDPH also inspects select County facilities in Chicago and Forest Preserve concessions.

⁴ Districts outside CCDPH's coverage primarily show STI cases, as investigations follow provider location for those diseases.

