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# CEO Report

Dr. Erik Mikaitis, Interim CEO

June 28, 2024



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# New Hires and Promotions



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# Welcome

## New Hires

**Lewis (Bernie) Price, Executive Enterprise Business Applications Officer, HIS**

**Ryahn (RJ) Dabney, Associate Chief Human Resources Officer - Talent Management**

**Melissa Dappen, Occupational Therapy Manager**

**Tanya Gavin, System Manager Health Information Management**

**Kasey Reid-Parker, Manager Of Care Management - County Care**

**Paula Dillon, Manager of Value - Based Products, CountyCare**



# Congratulations

## Promotions

**Sean Conrin, Chair of the Division of Adult Outpatient Psychiatry**

**Frances Manosca, Chair Of The Division Of Cytopathology**

**Amit Joshi, Director Of Renal Procedures**

**Hanna Kite, Director Of Community Behavioral Health, Prevention Services, Public Health**



# Recognition



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# Cook County Health Awards \$44M in Behavioral Health Grants

On June 10, Cook County Health announced the award of over \$44 million in grants to 53 organizations as part of the health system's Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative.

The funding will be used by community organizations to address behavioral health inequities through the expansion of access to early intervention and prevention, treatment, support, recovery, and crisis assessment and care.

Congratulations to all the grantees!



# Provident Scholarship Fund Award Ceremony

On June 27, President Preckwinkle and Cook County Health leaders gathered to celebrate the award of \$1M in scholarships to 91 students pursuing careers in health care. This is the largest cohort of scholars in the fund's three-year history.

The fund builds on Provident Hospital's rich history, dating back to founder Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, to uplift and support diversity in health care.

Scholarships support awardees who are from, and dedicated to serving, underrepresented communities in Cook County.



# National Association of Counties Awards



Thirteen CCH programs were recognized with a 2024 NACo Achievement Award, including:

- **Addressing food insecurity among Medicaid members\***
- Enhancing healthcare access through Express Care initiative
- Heart Institute excellence program
- Analytics and operations
- Improving employee wellness
- Medicaid member demographic improvements
- PEER Program
- Project REACCH-OUT
- Provident Hospital growth program
- Provident Scholarship Fund
- Sal the sepsis sea otter
- Development of population health
- Great unwinding: Medicaid redetermination



# American Academy of Nurses

Cook County Health Director Tanya Sorrell, PhD, and Chief Nursing Executive Beena Peters, DNP, were selected to become Fellows of the American Academy of Nurses.

Fellows are selected through a rigorous nomination and review process. With more than 3,000 Fellows, the Academy represents nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.

Congratulations!



# Institutional Research Day

Cook County Health showcases the broad and pioneering research being conducted across the health system through our annual Institutional Research Day.

Congratulations to all the 2024 Winners!



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**Institutional Research  
Day Winners**

**Outstanding Platform Awards:**  
Edwin Gwira-Tamattey  
Stanton Neilsen

**Outstanding Session A  
Moderated Poster Awards:**  
Rohan Gajjar  
Lakshman Mulpuri

**Outstanding Session B  
Moderated Poster Awards:**  
Manoj Kumar  
Nana Yaa Ampaw

# HBIA/S Press Conference

On June 14, Cook County Health was proud to join local officials and discuss our efforts to assist Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults/Seniors (HBIA/S) members with their redetermination paperwork.

All HBIA/S members must complete their redetermination paperwork by July 15 to keep their coverage.

CountyCare is now serving as the managed care plan for more than 34,000 HBIA/S members in Cook County.

HBIA/S and CountyCare members can access resources to help with redetermination at [www.countycare.com/redetermination](http://www.countycare.com/redetermination).





# Walk with a Doc

This month, CCH launched its own Walk with a Doc event series. This doctor-led walking group is free community event where attendees can take a walk (or roll) and engage with health care providers on important topics.

We were proud to kick off our first event at Provident Hospital with Drs. Erik Mikaitis and Florian Stroie and representatives from the PT/OT department.

A second walk was led by Drs. Garnet Meier, Carmen Reid and Kenya Thomas at a Juneteenth event hosted by Commissioner Stanley Moore.

Thank you to everyone who participated for taking a step toward better health!



# Pride in the Park

The CCH CORE Center is hosting a Pride in the Park celebration for CCH staff on Friday, June 28 from 11:30am-2:00pm at Pasteur Park.

Cook County Health is also honored to be marching in the City of Chicago's Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30. Be on the lookout for our float and celebrate with us!



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Ruth M. Rothstein  
Core Center  
Diverse. Inclusive. Proud.

# PRIDE In The Park

**June 28, 2024**  
11:30am – 2:00pm  
Louis Pasteur Park

Across the Street from The Hyatt  
1835 W. Harrison St.  
Chicago, IL 60612

**Cook County Health Celebrates Pride with** entertainment, games, giveaways and food (while supplies last).

**For more information and volunteering contact**  
Gregory Norels  
gnorels@cookcountyhhs.org





# 2024 Bike Commuter Challenge

The Bike Commuter Challenge is a month-long biking competition where Chicagoland organizations compete to see who can earn the most points by riding their bike for work related trips.

CCH's team, representing departments across the system, ranked 22nd out of 166 teams across the region, logging 1,765 miles.

Congrats to the participants!

- Kera Beskin
- Amir Budhwani
- Kathy Chan
- Andrea Gibson
- Dr. Keiki Hinami
- Adam Jenkins
- Lydia Karch
- Piotr Kieszkowski
- Albert Laser
- Dr. Juleigh Nowinski-Konchak
- Neil Robinson
- Dr. Bill Trick
- Dr. Chen Weng














# Strategic Plan



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# Strategic Initiatives - June

## Accomplished

-  Successful Jt. Commission survey at Stroger Hospital
-  Received 13 achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACO) for CountyCare redetermination, member demographics, food as medicine, Bridge clinic, PEER (Opioid), employee wellness, Provident scholarships, sepsis improvement, new arrivals clinics, Provident growth/access, cardiology, Express Care and Public Health's epidemiology program
-  CCH Pediatric Hematology had a successful IDPH compliance audit for a sickle cell grant
-  CCDPH's Environmental Health Unit had a successful IDPH audit
-  Men's health fair hosted 50 participants at Provident.
-  Cermak developed a comprehensive resource guide for individuals leaving the Cook County Jail
-  Awarded 53 "Stronger Together" grants from the Office of Behavioral Health
-  Completed agreement to begin vascular services at St. Bernard one day per week resulting in \$200-\$300K/year.
-  Standardized the "discharge disposition" field in Cerner to improve accuracy and improve throughput



## Coming Soon

-  CountyCare to go live with new Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) vendor
-  Announcement of 90 scholarships from the Provident Scholarship initiative
-  CCDPH continues to participate in the 100-day challenge to end homelessness in Suburban Cook County
-  Provident held a kick-off meeting for renovations to the lobby; Professional Building revolving door project being installed
-  Secure bike enclosures being planned for Stroger and Provident

# Stronger Together: ARPA Grants

## Awards Overview

Dr. Tom Nutter

Chief Behavioral Health Officer



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# Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County

The purpose of these grants, as stated on the application and in the RFP, is “to address behavioral health inequities across the region’s system of care through increased systems alignment, enhanced system quality, and the expansion of access to early intervention and prevention, treatment, support, recovery, and crisis assessment and care.”

Announcement of the Open Call (March 6, 2024) was preceded by the (February 15, 2024) Behavioral Health Summit, attended by over 700 people representing approximately 300 organizations serving mental health needs of Cook County residents.

As these grants are ARPA funded, all Subrecipient Agreements must be signed and finalized and all funds obligated by November 30, 2024.



# Addressing Equity and Assuring Focus on Communities of Highest Need

- To ensure an equitable grantmaking process two informational sessions and six capacity-building workshops were held on developing a successful grant application, program design, and monitoring and evaluation.
  - All sessions were well attended, recorded, and made available on the Stronger Together Open Call website.
  - All questions asked during the information sessions and capacity building workshops, and submitted to our Stronger Together email address were compiled and updated weekly during the Open Call period in a lengthy “Frequently Asked Questions” document posted on the Stronger Together Open Call website.
- Application process was streamlined to decrease the administrative burden.
  - For example, letters of recommendation, economic disclosure statements, and CVs/resumes were not required.
- Extra points were added for organizations serving communities with highest social vulnerability with applications focused on serving the highest percentage of care to the communities of highest Social Vulnerability Index scores (per the most recently available Health and Human Services data) being scored the highest.
- Faith-based organizations, FQHCs, community health centers, community-based organizations, and education agencies were eligible to apply.
  - For profit organizations were prohibited from applying.

# Grant Overview

Cook County Health launched the Stronger Together Grant, which will provide **over \$44M** to nonprofits working to resolve behavioral health inequities across the region's system of care.

## Open Call Strategies:

- ❑ **Prevention and Early Intervention:** Youth & Family- Meeting the Behavioral Health and Health-Related Social Needs of Students and Families Inside and Outside of School
- ❑ **Early Intervention:** Adults & Older Adults- Improving Screening and Integrated Care
- ❑ **Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services:** Youth & Family- Increasing Access and Coordinated Care
- ❑ **Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services:** Adults & Older Adults -Increasing Access and Coordinated Care
- ❑ **Crisis Care:** Increasing Community Awareness and Engagement and Aligning Mobile Crisis Response
- ❑ **Crisis Care:** Somewhere to Go- Youth and Family- Moving from Emergency Department to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, and Crisis Stabilization Units
- ❑ **Crisis Care:** Somewhere to Go- Adults & Older Adults- Moving from Emergency Departments to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, Crisis Stabilization Units, and Sobering Centers

## Funding Tracks (3-year total):

- ❑ **Track 1:** Up to \$500,000
- ❑ **Track 2:** Up to \$1,000,000

Note: Only difference between tracks is total funding amount.

## Priority Populations and Communities:

- ❑ CCH identified priority populations and communities for these grants—applicant organizations selected all that they would reach with their proposed program



# Selection Process

- Each application was scored by three independent reviewers using a templated rubric that assessed commitment to DEI, organizational capacity, alignment with application priorities, program proposal, workplan, and budget.
- Additional points awarded for service to communities of highest Social Vulnerability Index.
- Highest scoring organizations were presented for review by CCH Office of Behavioral Health leadership, which made the final selections from among these highest-scoring applications.

# Application Overview

More than **\$270M** was requested; the most popular strategies were **Prevention and Early Intervention** and the **Treatment, Recovery, and Support Service** options for both youth and adults.

Strategy	Applications	Funding Requested*
<b>Prevention and Early Intervention:</b> Youth & Family- Meeting the Behavioral Health and Health-Related Social Needs of Students and Families Inside and Outside of School	142	\$121,500,000
<b>Early Intervention:</b> Adults & Older Adults- Improving Screening and Integrated Care	37	\$32,000,000
<b>Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services:</b> Youth & Family- Increasing Access and Coordinated Care	50	\$43,000,000
<b>Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services:</b> Adults & Older Adults -Increasing Access and Coordinated Care	57	\$48,000,000
<b>Crisis Care:</b> Increasing Community Awareness and Engagement and Aligning Mobile Crisis Response	15	\$13,000,000
<b>Crisis Care:</b> Somewhere to Go- Youth and Family- Moving from Emergency Department to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, and Crisis Stabilization Units	7	\$7,000,000
<b>Crisis Care:</b> Somewhere to Go- Adults & Older Adults- Moving from Emergency Departments to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, Crisis Stabilization Units, and Sobering Centers	6	\$6,000,000

\*Note: 13 applicants did not select a Strategy or Funding Track and are excluded from the Funding Requested totals.

# Awardee Overview

More than \$44M is being awarded; the most popular strategies were **Prevention and Early Intervention** and the **Treatment, Recovery, and Support Service** options for both youth and adults.

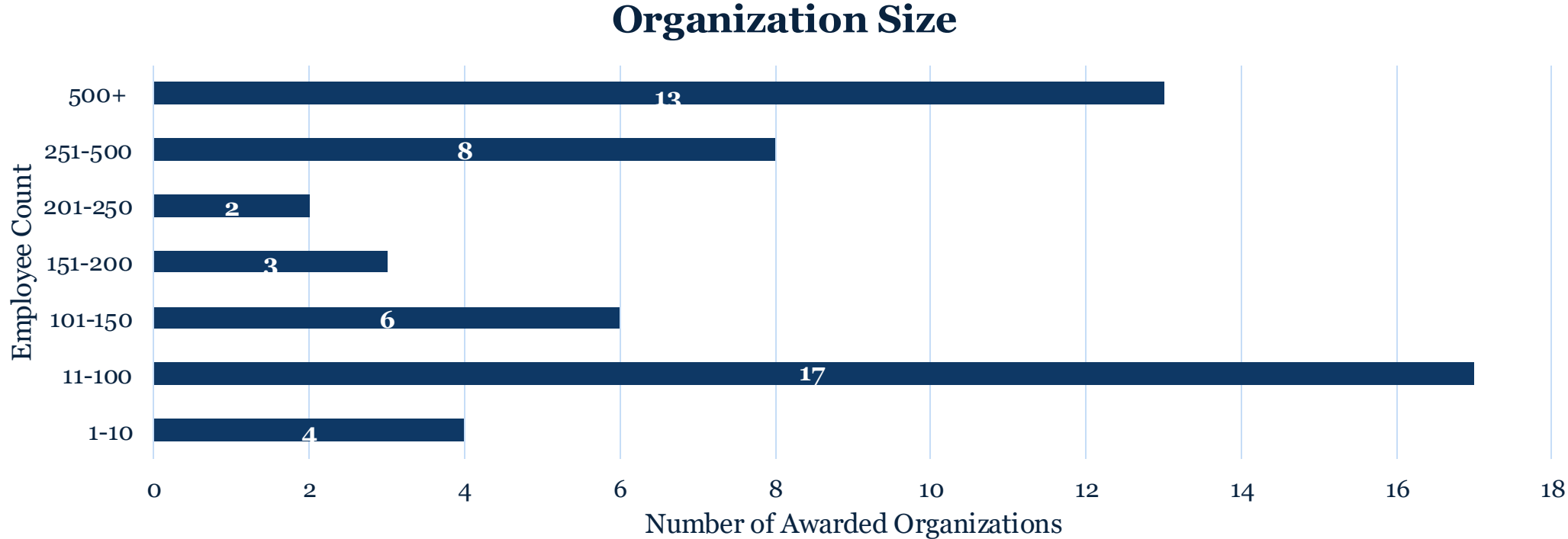
Strategy	Awardees	Designated Funding*
<b>Prevention and Early Intervention:</b> Youth & Family- Meeting the Behavioral Health and Health-Related Social Needs of Students and Families Inside and Outside of School	21	\$17,746,89
<b>Early Intervention:</b> Adults & Older Adults- Improving Screening and Integrated Care	9	\$6,449,238
<b>Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services:</b> Youth & Family- Increasing Access and Coordinated Care	10	\$9,302,036
<b>Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services:</b> Adults & Older Adults -Increasing Access and Coordinated Care	8	\$7,483,160
<b>Crisis Care:</b> Increasing Community Awareness and Engagement and Aligning Mobile Crisis Response, Somewhere to Go- Youth and Family- Moving from Emergency Department to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, and Crisis Stabilization Units; Somewhere to Go- Adults & Older Adults- Moving from Emergency Departments to Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, Crisis Stabilization Units, and Sobering Centers	5	\$4,337,375

\*Note: Amounts listed here are those submitted in the grant applications. Actual amounts will be determined during development and will be contingent on meeting agreed-upon deliverables.



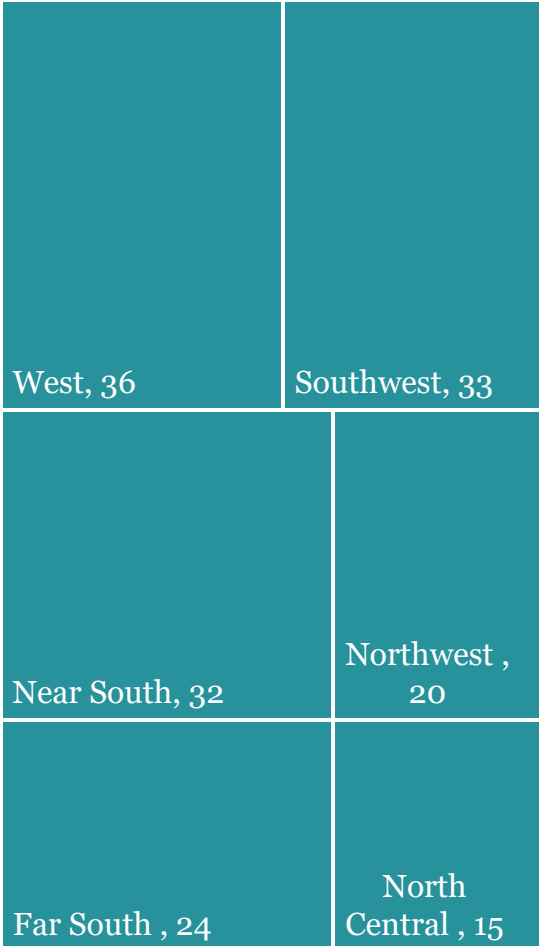
# Awardee Organization Overview

A majority of awarded organizations have **fewer than 150 employees** and have received some form of government funding before. **2/3 have never previously received funding** from CCH or CCDPH.

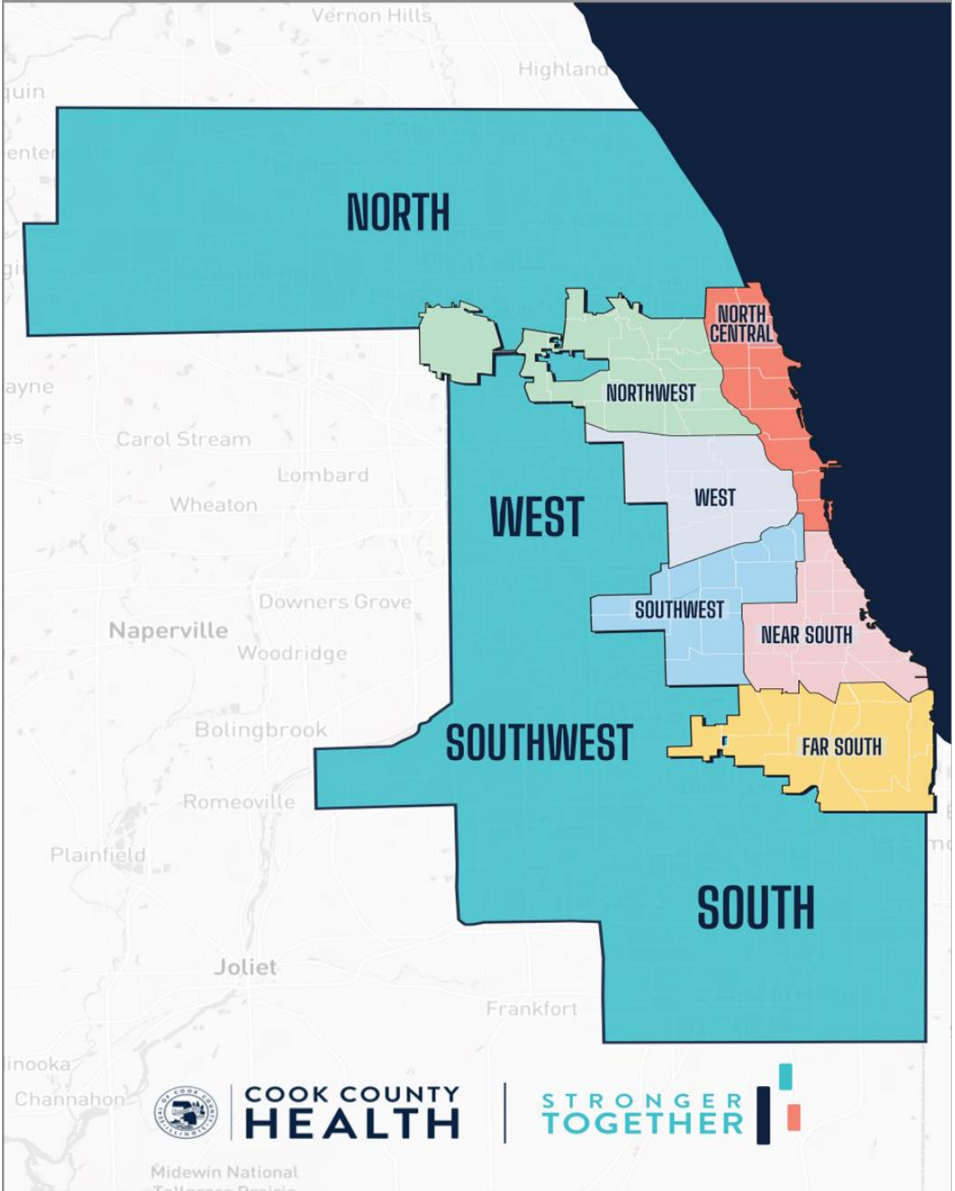
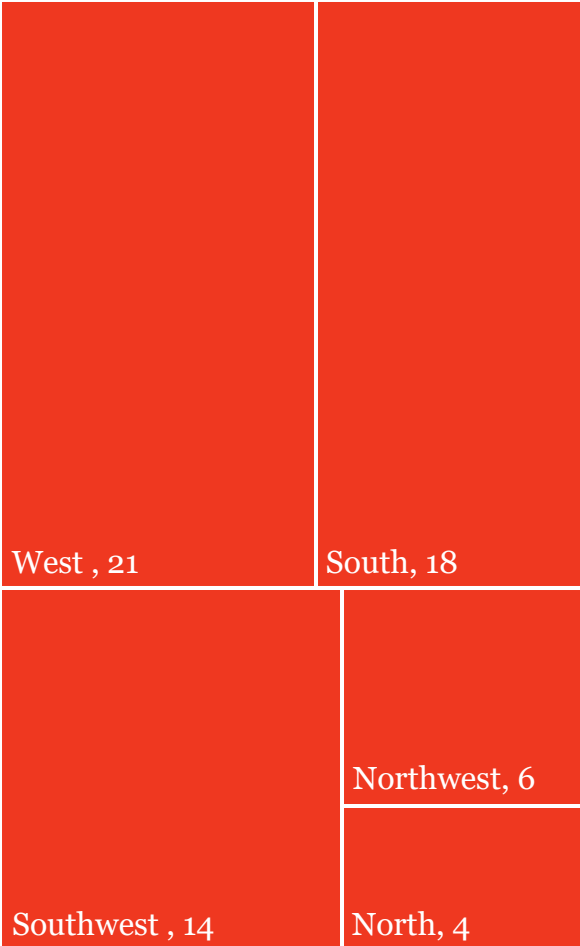


# Awardees Serving Each Region

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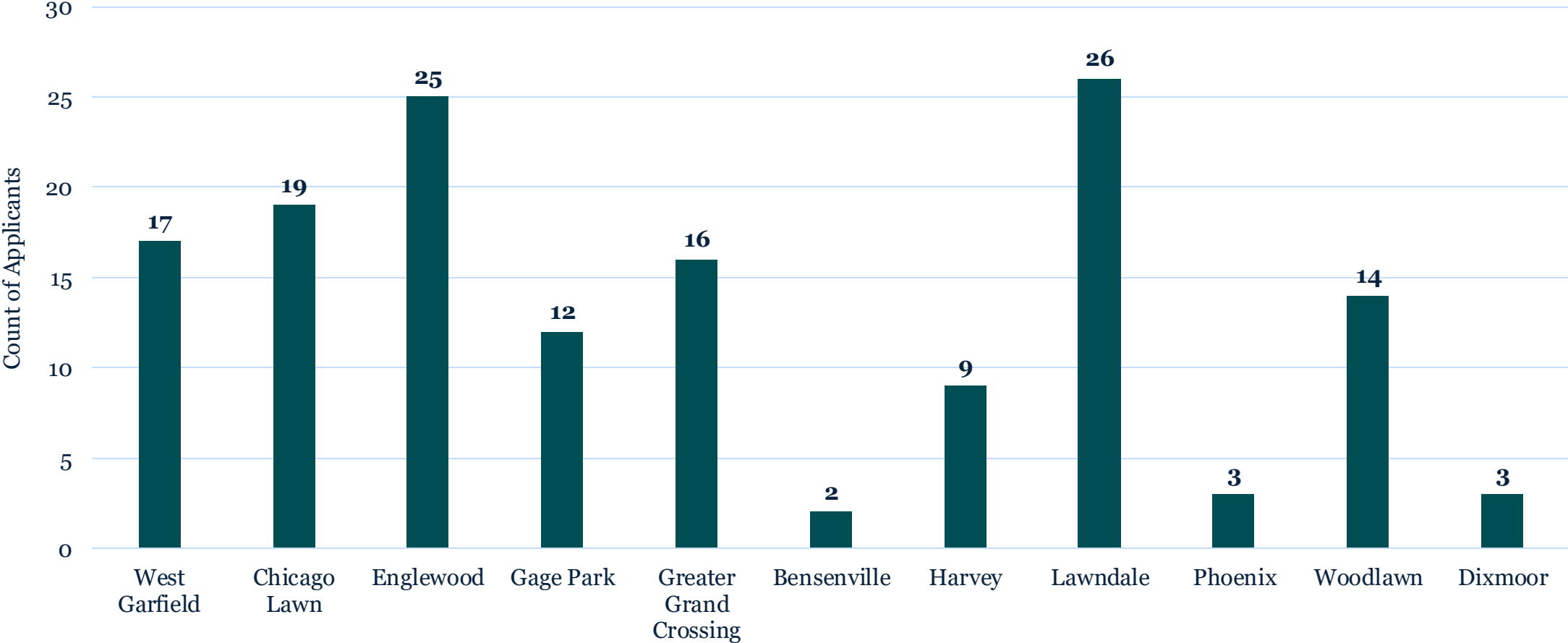


## Suburban Cook County



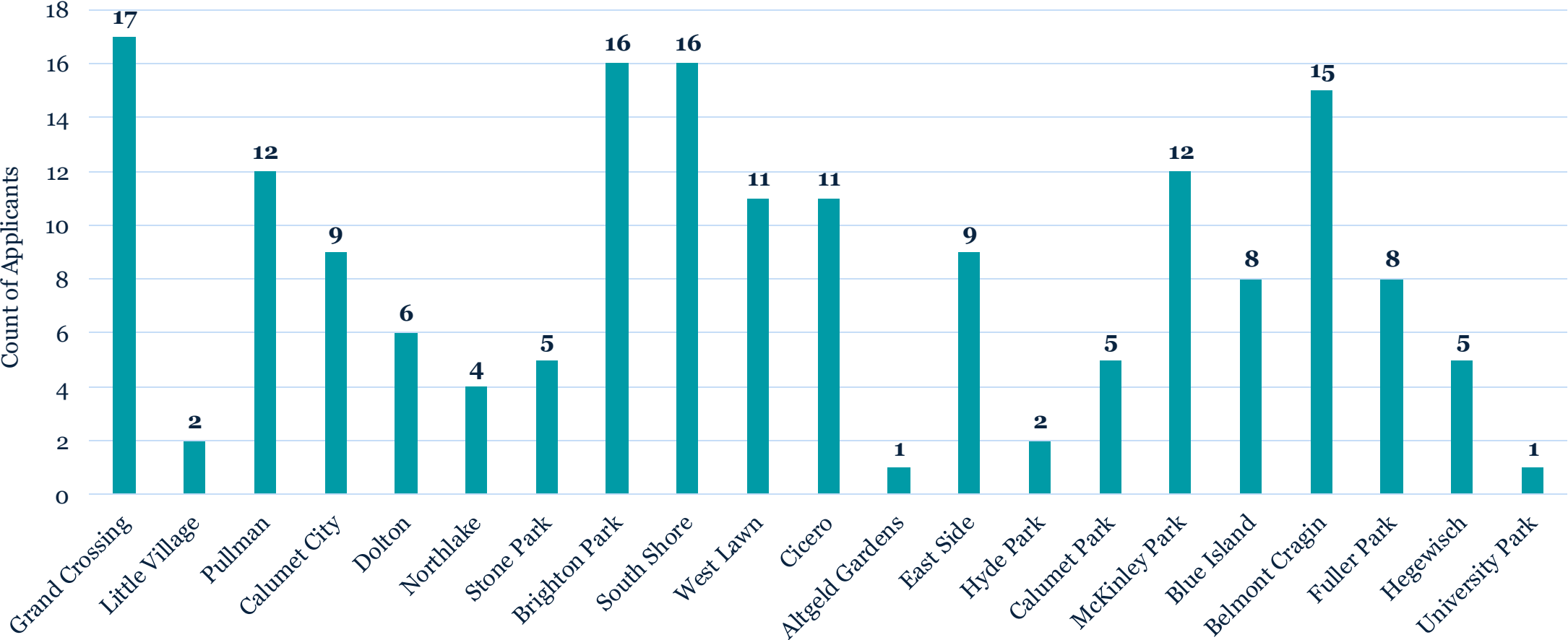
# Awardees Serving Communities with SVI >0.81

Awardees serving communities with an SVI over 0.81 most often selected **Englewood, Lawndale, and Chicago Lawn**.



# Awardees Serving Communities with SVI 0.77-0.81

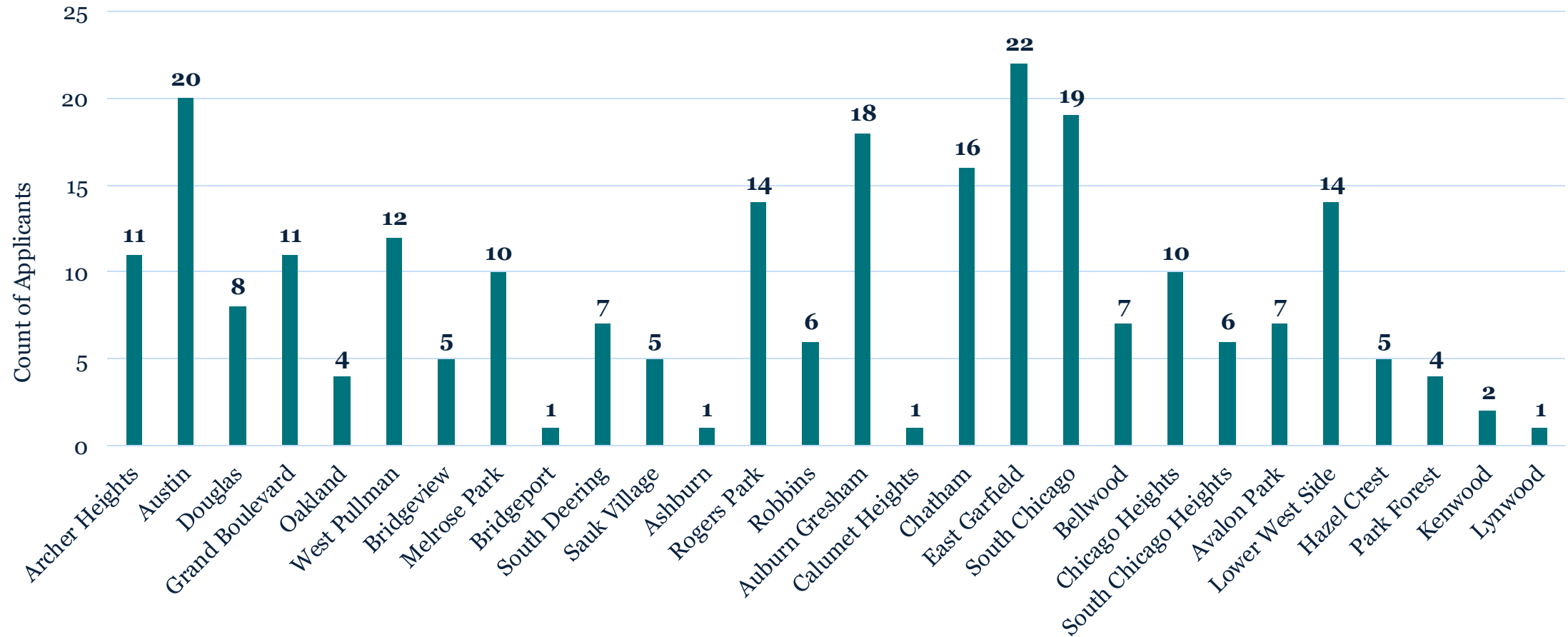
Awardees serving communities with an SVI from 0.77-0.81 most often selected **Grand Crossing, South Shore, and Brighton Park**



Source: 2020 Census, <https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/svi/>

# Awardees Serving Communities with SVI 0.7-0.76

Awardees serving communities with an SVI from 0.7-0.76 most often selected **East Garfield, Austin, and South Chicago.**





# Prevention and Early Intervention: Youth & Family

*Meeting the Behavioral Health and Health-Related Social Needs of Students and Families Inside and Outside of Schools*

## **Organizations:**

1. Project: VISION, Inc. (\$500,000)
2. SOS Children's Villages Illinois (\$976,956.30)
3. Proviso Public Partnership (\$499,960.67)
4. UCAN (\$1,000,000)
5. New Moms, Inc. (\$740,419.00)
6. Association House of Chicago (\$999,442.00)
7. ConTextos, NFP (\$998,743.35)
8. Trilogy Inc. (\$998,672.86)
9. Free Root Operation (\$464,061.61)
10. Juvenile Protective Association (\$987,753.31)
11. Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA) (\$1,000,000.00)
12. Communities In Schools of Chicago (\$989,247.55)
13. Brighton Park Neighborhood Council (\$1,000,000)
14. SGA Youth & Family Services, NFP (\$999,512.58)
15. Youth Guidance (\$995,087.00)
16. Friends of the Children – Chicago (\$999,942.96)
17. Sunshine Gospel Ministries (\$712,443.82)
18. La Rabida Children's Hospital (\$621,969.59)
19. Lurie Children's Hospital (\$989,539.00)
20. Restoring the Path (\$1,000,000)
21. Shelter, Inc. (\$273,146.87)

\*Total request for funding \$17,746,898.50

# Early Intervention- Adults & Older Adults

*Improving Screening and Integrated Care*

## **Organizations:**

1. Sostento Inc. (\$499,773.50)
2. Sista Afya Community Care NFP (\$ 499,982.00)
3. The Chicago Lighthouse (\$ 966,481.74)
4. Access Community Health Network (\$860,361.00)
5. Esperanza Health Centers (\$917,521.94)
6. Pillars Community Health (\$500,000)
7. Acclivus, Inc. (\$898,631.28)
8. Breakthrough (\$494,386)
9. Brave Space Alliance (\$812,100.55)

# Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services- Youth & Family

*Increasing Access and Coordinated Care*

## **Organizations:**

1. Erie Family Health Center, Inc. (\$894,157.00)
2. Alivio Medical Center (\$1,000,000)
3. Board of Education of the City of Chicago (\$986,535.36)
4. Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (\$1,000,000)
5. Childrens Research Triangle (\$941,433.63)
6. Youth Outreach Services (\$999,999.00)
7. Alternatives, Inc. (\$999,998.31)
8. Rush University Medical Center (\$989,449)
9. Adler University (\$490,464.00)
10. Arab American Family Services (\$1,000,000)

# Treatment, Recovery, and Support Services- Adults & Older Adults

*Increasing Access and Coordinated Care*

## **Organizations:**

1. Midwest Asian Health Association (\$1,000,000)
2. Family Guidance Centers, Inc. (\$999,508.00)
3. A Safe Haven Foundation (\$999,919.20)
4. Chinese American Service League (\$1,000,000)
5. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (\$500,000)
6. South Shore Hospital (\$986,991.00)
7. Gateway Foundation, Inc. (\$999,978.30)
8. Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center (\$996,763.42)

# Crisis Care

*Increasing Community Awareness and Engagement, Aligning Mobile Crisis Response, and Expanding Somewhere to Go- Moving from Emergency Department to the Community through Living Rooms, In Home Stabilization, and Crisis Stabilization Units*

## **Organizations:**

1. Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (\$999,999.53)
2. Healing to Action, NFP (\$500,000)
3. Metropolitan Family Services (\$1,000,000)
4. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago (\$997,172.73)
5. Alianza Americas (\$840,202.52)



# What's Next?

- The CCH Office of Behavioral Health team will be meeting individually with each organization over the next 8 weeks to onboard, develop and execute subrecipient agreements, provide necessary training for awardees to launch their programs in September.
- Steps include but are not limited to:
  - Providing access and training on GovGrants, a cloud-based platform used to manage the grant process from award to final report.
  - Working with awardees to complete their financial risk assessments.
    - Financial risk assessments enable the County to determine the % of advancement organizations are able to receive.
  - Reviewing, editing and approving scopes of works, metrics, and budgets for each of the awardees.
  - Drafting and executing subrecipient agreements.
  - Holding kick off and subrecipient trainings.
    - Trainings will cover all monitoring and compliance requirements, templates and processes, and major deadlines.



Thank you!



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