



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO FUND BUILDING TOWARD THE FUTURE PROJECT FOR PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER (PADS) OF ELGIN

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") to provide economic relief to State, Local, and Tribal governments responding to economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kane has received a total of \$103,413,041 (One Hundred Three Million, Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Forty-One Dollars) from the United States Department of the Treasury, in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") pursuant to ARPA, and

WHEREAS, , pursuant to ARPA and the administrative regulations adopted by the United States Department of the Treasury ("Final Rule"), the County of Kane shall use SLFRF to defray costs associated with its response to the COVID-19 pandemic within the County, to address the economic fallout from the pandemic, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-313, the Kane County Board has established the American Rescue Plan Committee ("ARPC") as a resource for research, education, planning, and recommendations for the best allocation and uses of the County's SLFRF; and

WHEREAS, Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) of Elgin ("PADS of Elgin") has made a request in the amount of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) of SLFRF to fund the efforts of the PADS of Elgin's Building Towards the Future project for the purpose of responding to the COVID-19 public emergency and its negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, PADS of Elgin is a homeless shelter focused on helping that experiencing homelessness get back on their feet to live productive lives, and this project is focused on allowing this 501C (3) non-profit organization to scale up its capacity to meet the ever-growing needs in Kane County; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were many challenges with a lack of affordable housing stock in Kane County, and in recent years, there also have been a rapid increase in the price of rentals. Typical fundraising events we'd hold had to come to a complete stop. Operational costs skyrocketed (Hotels, cleaning products, Training). Number of guests we could support in the facility at any given moment (cut down because of space guidelines) and having to also utilize hotel stays as well. Lost the ability to utilize as many volunteers as we once relied upon for providing meals, serving meals, and work around the shelter so our staff costs increased; and

WHEREAS, PADS of Elgin will continue to serve as a steppingstone to assist in housing and working with those unfortunates enough to be experiencing homelessness, and this project will have a wide range of positive effects on the county such as keeping people off the streets; and

WHEREAS, the goal at PADS of Elgin is to help clients find permanent and affordable housing. PADS of Elgin meets clients where they are, and through compassionate case management, provide the necessary resources to get them back on their feet. PADS of Elgin understands the circumstances surrounding homelessness can be compacted, and has Case Managers that can assist with the following: rehabilitation services, job searches, accessing government benefits, education, finding and securing permanent housing and much more; and

WHEREAS, to assist the County in determining whether the project is an eligible use of SLFRF under ARPA, the Final Rule, and the related guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury, the ARPC consultant, Ernst and Young, has reviewed the PADS of Elgin's request for SLFRF for \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of responding to the COVID-19 public emergency and its negative economic impacts by funding rent and utilities costs, and completed an assessment regarding the project's eligibility (see Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the ARPC recommends that the Kane County Board authorizes the use of SLFRF in the amount of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) to fund the Building Toward the Future project for PADS of Elgin, to be spent during the ARPA period of performance and in accordance with the ARPA, the Final Rule and related guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury, and any other Federal, State or local laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board hereby authorizes the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, in the amount of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars), to be used by Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) of Elgin for its Building to the Future Project, in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Final Rule, and related guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury, and any other Federal, State or local laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Kane County Board that the Kane County Board Chairman is authorized and directed to execute an agreement (Exhibit B) with Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) of Elgin, to allow for eligible uses of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars), and in the form attached as an Exhibit A to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Kane County Board that the following adjustment be made to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget:

355.800.668234.55010
\$500,000

External Grants

355.800.668.85000	Allowance for Budget Expense	(\$500,000)
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Line Item: See above

Line Item Description: See above

Was Personnel/Item/Service approved in original budget or a subsequent budget revision? No

Are funds currently available for this Personnel/Item/Service in the specific line item? Yes

If funds are not currently available in the specified line item, where are the funds available?

See above

Passed by the Kane County Board on June 11, 2024.

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