



### **Section 3: Not Applicable**

#### **BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATION**

In January 2010, the CHA was awarded a two year \$250,000 award from ICJIA through the Edward Byrne Recovery Act Grant Program. The purpose of the funding was to implement community based youth violence prevention through Gang Resistance Education and Training (“G.R.E.A.T.”) and the Youth Courts. The Altgeld-Riverdale Consortium (ARC) Partnership created a community partnership and increased resident awareness of violence prevention at community schools. In 2012, CHA was invited to apply for leftover ICJIA – Byrne Recovery Act Grant Program funds to continue and enhance the ARC Partnership Program. On December 11, 2012, the CHA received official written notice of an award of \$282,200 from the ICJIA through the Edward Byrne Recovery Act Grant Program. CHA was required to provide matching funds of \$94,067 (mostly in-kind). CHA was invited a second time to apply for leftover ICJIA – Byrne Recovery Act Grant Program funds to continue the enhanced work accomplished in 2013 through the ARC Partnership Program. A grant application was submitted listing CHA's subgrantees, the services that will be provided and their proposed budgets. On December 10, 2013, the CHA received official written notice of a third award of \$335,051 from the ICJIA through the Edward Byrne Recovery Act Grant Program. CHA is required to provide matching funds of \$111,684 (mostly in-kind).

#### **SUBGRANTEE SERVICES:**

**Uhlich Children’s Advantage Network (UCAN):** As the CHA funded FamilyWorks agency, UCAN will leverage its capabilities to provide case management support in identifying and reaching out to appropriate families to benefit from the ARC and services made available through the grant. UCAN will hire 1 FTE Project Coordinator, who will oversee coordination and stipend disbursement of the Safe Path, Community Outreach and Project Me programs and hire 1 PTE Project Intern to assist the Project Coordinator with program implementations.

**Chicago Police Department (CPD) G.R.E.A.T. program:** G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) is an evidence-based prevention program that addresses aggression, gang activity, conflict resolution and interpersonal skills issues as experienced by boys and girls aged nine to seventeen in urban settings. Uniformed CPD officers will conduct G.R.E.A.T. youth and family programming during the 2014 academic school year and over the summer.

**The Community Justice for Youth Institute (CJYI) Peace Circles:** - a structured dialogue process that allows every participant an opportunity to speak and that encourages attentive listening and truth telling to resolve conflicts, to provide victims with opportunities to directly address those that have harmed them, and to involve the community in the process of strengthening relationships and promoting offender accountability. Both youth and adult community stakeholders will participate in Circle Keeper training programs, led by CJYI staff.

**Roseland CeaseFire Project:** - will leverage its work in the 5th Police District and analyze crime hot spot and time-of-day data to determine when/where it will place part-time Violence Interrupters to intervene when conflicts arise and train others in Interrupter techniques.

**OOO Multimedia** – will conduct an interactive music course focused on violence prevention.

**Social IMPACT Research Center (IMPACT):** - will conduct an evaluation of changes in resident perception of safety as a result of the ARC activities and crime statistics between 2012-2014.

**ADDITIONAL PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS**

*Altgeld-Riverdale Consortium (ARC)* will serve a coordinating role, convening meetings and promoting and encouraging participation in community partner sponsored events/activities. The ARC will engage residents to carry out Safe Path, Project ME and outreach activities and to identify additional safety initiatives as part of the ARC continuation grant.

*Community partner agencies* - will plan ARC safety events to draw residents to see their facility, encourage on-going participation in their programs in coordination with the resident-planned safety measures.

*Enforcement Strategies – police and security partners:* CHA’s Director of Safety and Security and a representative from CPD District 5 will actively participate in the Consortium to ensure coordination of enforcement strategies with the ARC community revitalization initiatives.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal laws.

The EVP/ Chief Financial Officer and the EVP of Resident Services concurs with the recommendations to accept a grant award from and enter into a grant agreement with ICJIA, and enter into subgrantee agreements with UCAN, the Chicago Police Department, Roseland CeaseFire Project, OOO Multimedia, Social IMPACT Research Center and Community Justice for Youth Institute.

The CEO/President recommends the Board authorize he or his designee to accept a grant award from and enter into a grant agreement with ICJIA in the amount of \$335,051, and authorize the CEO or his designee to enter into subgrantee agreements with UCAN, the Chicago Police Department, Roseland CeaseFire Project, OOO Multimedia, Social IMPACT Research Center and Community Justice for Youth Institute in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$299,255.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-CHA-22**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated February 12, 2014 entitled “ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SUB-GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH UCAN, THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, ROSELAND CEASEFIRE PROJECT INC., OOO MULTIMEDIUM, SOCIAL IMPACT AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE FOR YOUTH INSTITUTE”;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**THAT** the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept a grant award from and enter into a grant agreement with the Illinois State Criminal Justice Information Authority in the amount of \$335,051 and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into sub-grant agreements with Uhlich Children’s Advantage Network, the Chicago Police Department, Roseland Ceasefire Project, OOO Multimedium, Social IMPACT and Community Justice for Youth to provide support services in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$299,255 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 30, 2014 (or by September 30, 2014 in the event ICJIA is unable to receive an extension of time as to when the grant scope of work must be completed).



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