

Budget Investments

FY2025





Guided by extensive engagement with residents across the City, we have crafted a budget that not only meets our financial obligations but continues to make investments in areas that will uplift our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all.

-- Mayor Brandon Johnson

[Link to Budget Engagement Report](#)

*The following pages reflects some of the critical investments made in the 2025 budget in response to community input.



Housing & Homelessness Supports

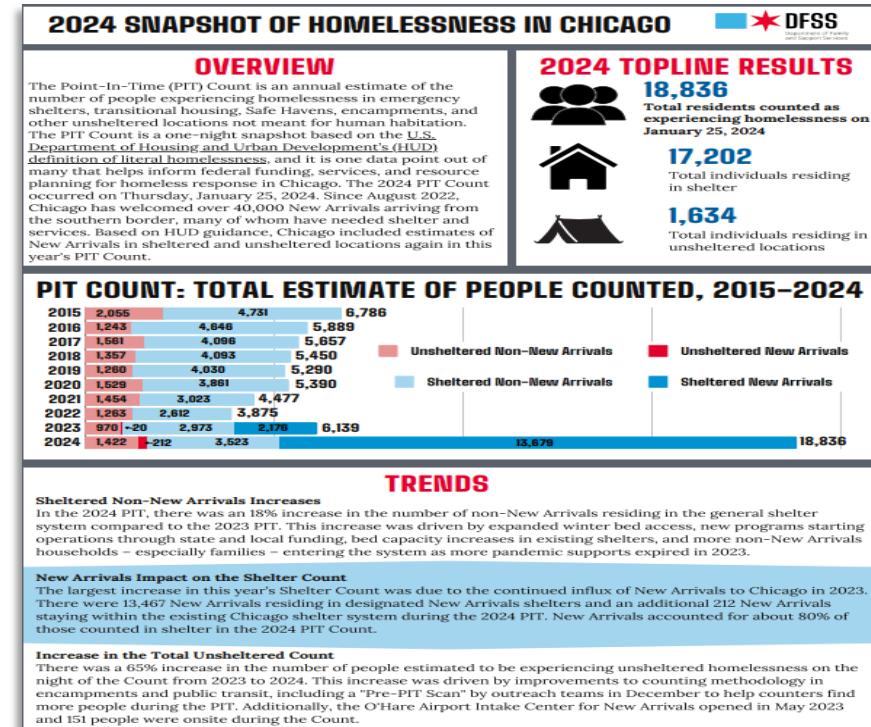
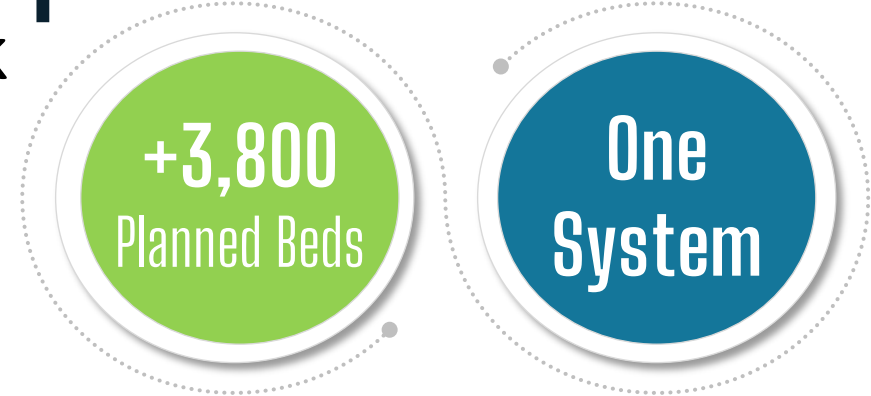
Expansion of City Shelter Network

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand services to persons experiencing homelessness.*

The **expansion of the City Shelter Network** is a part of the One System Initiative, a collaboration between the City and State to expand shelter options for unhoused Chicagoans. This program will include:

- Expansion of City Shelter bed capacity (City & State Funded) by 3,800 beds for a total of 6,800 shelter beds (126% YOY increase)
- Central Access Point for the unhoused to seek shelter and services (State funded)
- Rental Assistance (State Funded)

Department	Family and Support Services (DFSS)
New Beds	2,100 City-Operated (3,800 with State-Operated beds)
2025 Investment	\$40M
Funding	\$40M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25M – Corporate Fund • \$15M - ARPA





Housing & Homelessness Supports

Rapid Rehousing

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The **Rapid Rehousing Program** assists households in moving from temporary homeless shelters or unsheltered locations into stable housing. Services include:

- Facilitating quick **transitions from homeless shelters and unsheltered locations to stable housing** through assisted moving events (AME).
- **Rental assistance** paired with **case management services**.
- Providing short to mid-term housing to **enable participants to identify long-term goals and housing plans**.

Department	DFSS
Households Served	1,000
2025 Investment	\$28.8M
Funding	\$8.6M – Homeless Houseshare \$14M – Corporate Fund \$4.4M – ARPA \$1.8M – ESG (HUD)





Housing & Homelessness Supports

Broadband Access

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand broadband access to currently underserved communities.*

The **Neighborhood Broadband Connectivity Program** will increase broadband affordability and accessibility in Chicago communities with the lowest rates of home internet connection by funding neighborhood-scale broadband service. This program offers:

- **Chicago Connected:** Groundbreaking funding that provides no-cost, high-speed internet service to eligible Chicago Public Schools students and their families.
- **Neighborhood Connectivity Initiatives:** Funding for initiatives designed to increase the number of households connected to broadband services, along with community-based digital literacy activities.

Department	Department of Finance (through CFO)
Households Impacted	>1,000 in least connected Chicago neighborhoods
2025 Investment	\$23M
Funding	\$4.5M - ARPA \$18M - CRP Bond

Connectivity Challenges

15% of households don't have internet at home – 172,000 Chicagoans.

As many as **8% of households** don't have any connected device at home.

Chicago's **South & West Sides** have the lowest rates of home internet connection.

In the 10 least connected neighborhoods, **over 1 in 4 residents** lack internet.

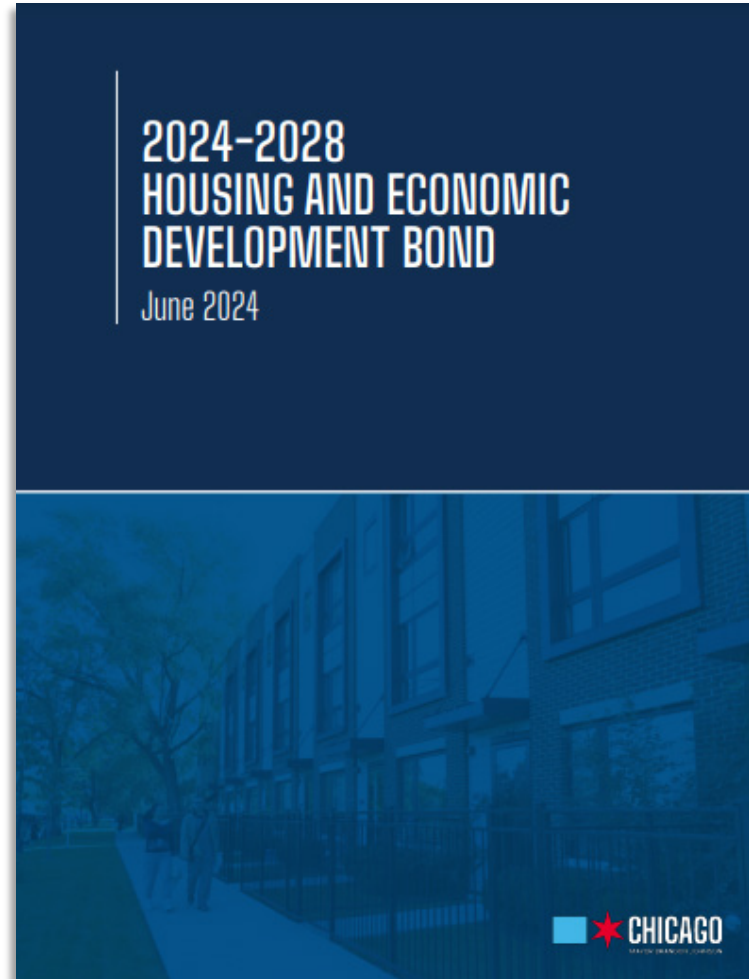


Housing & Homelessness Supports

Housing Affordability

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Increase affordable rental options and opportunities for affordable homeownership.*

Department	Department of Housing
Program	Green Social Housing
Affordable Units in Development	600 units every 5 years
Multi-Year Investment	\$115M - \$135M – HED Bond



Affordable Housing: \$625 million over 5 years



AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING (\$360-390M)

- Build and preserve affordable rental homes: \$230-250m
- Social hsg revolving fund: \$115-135m
- Multifamily retrofit: \$10-15m



HOMEOWNERSHIP (\$210-240M)

- Purchase assistance, home repair, & promoting ownership: \$125-145m
- Rebuilding & preservation: \$65-80m
- Single family retrofit: \$20-25m



HOMELESSNESS (\$20-30M)

- SRO preservation: \$20-30m
- Permanent supportive housing included under Affordable Rental Housing



Community Safety Community Violence Prevention Investments

DEPT	FUND	PROJECT NAME	FY25 INVESTMENT
DFSS	ARP	GBV Rapid Rehousing	\$ 3,446,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Emergency Fund for GBV Survivors	\$ 5,074,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Legal Services for GBV Survivors	\$ 1,389,000.00
DFSS	ARP	GBV Prevention, Education and Training	\$ 1,083,000.00
DFSS	ARP	GBV Victim Services to Young People	\$ 3,049,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Youth Justice Diversion	\$ 4,601,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Youth Intervention Programs	\$ 6,688,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC)	\$ 6,661,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Place-Based Violence Interventions	\$ 3,841,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Community Violence Interventions	\$ 15,879,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Victim Support Funding Program	\$ 9,356,000.00
CDPH	CRF	Injury Prevention and Control Research	\$ 8,959,000.00
CDPH	CRF	Expanded Street Outreach	\$ 1,337,000.00
CDPH	CRF	Violence Prevention Program	\$ 300,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Re-entry Workforce Development	\$ 5,426,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Re-entry Housing Navigation	\$ 2,864,000.00
MO	Corp	Mayor's Office of Community Safety	\$ 949,536.00
DFSS	Corp	Domestic Violence Supports	\$ 3,500,000.00
DFSS	Corp	Violence Reduction Programs	\$ 6,594,025.00
DFSS	CRP Bond	Gender-Based Violence Reduction	\$ 5,000,000.00
DFSS	Grants	Domestic Violence Hotline	\$ 858,000.00
DFSS	Grants	Domestic Violence Services	\$ 3,304,000.00
MO	0B70	Re-entry RFPs	\$ 5,500,000.00

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand violence prevention programs.*





Mental Health & Wellness

Mental Health Equity Initiative

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand alternate response programs and revising 311 and 911 protocols to determine the best response for a situation.*

The **Mental Health Equity Initiative** provides mental health services to Chicago residents of high need who faced barriers to service in the past. Services include:

- Dedicated **dispatch unit for mental health** calls at OEMC
- Offering expansive **access to crisis intervention, behavioral health, psychiatric, and social services and appropriate follow up care.**
- Delivering **specialized services to children, youth, young adults, older adults, individuals with intellectual disabilities, non-native English speakers, immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, survivors of gender-based violence, and LGBTQIA+ individuals.**
- **Providing services regardless** of health insurance status, immigration status, and ability to pay.

Department	Office of Emergency Management & Communications
# of Personnel	14 New Personnel for Mental Health Dispatch
2025 Investment	\$1.5M
Funding	\$1.5M – Emergency Communications Fund





Mental Health & Wellness

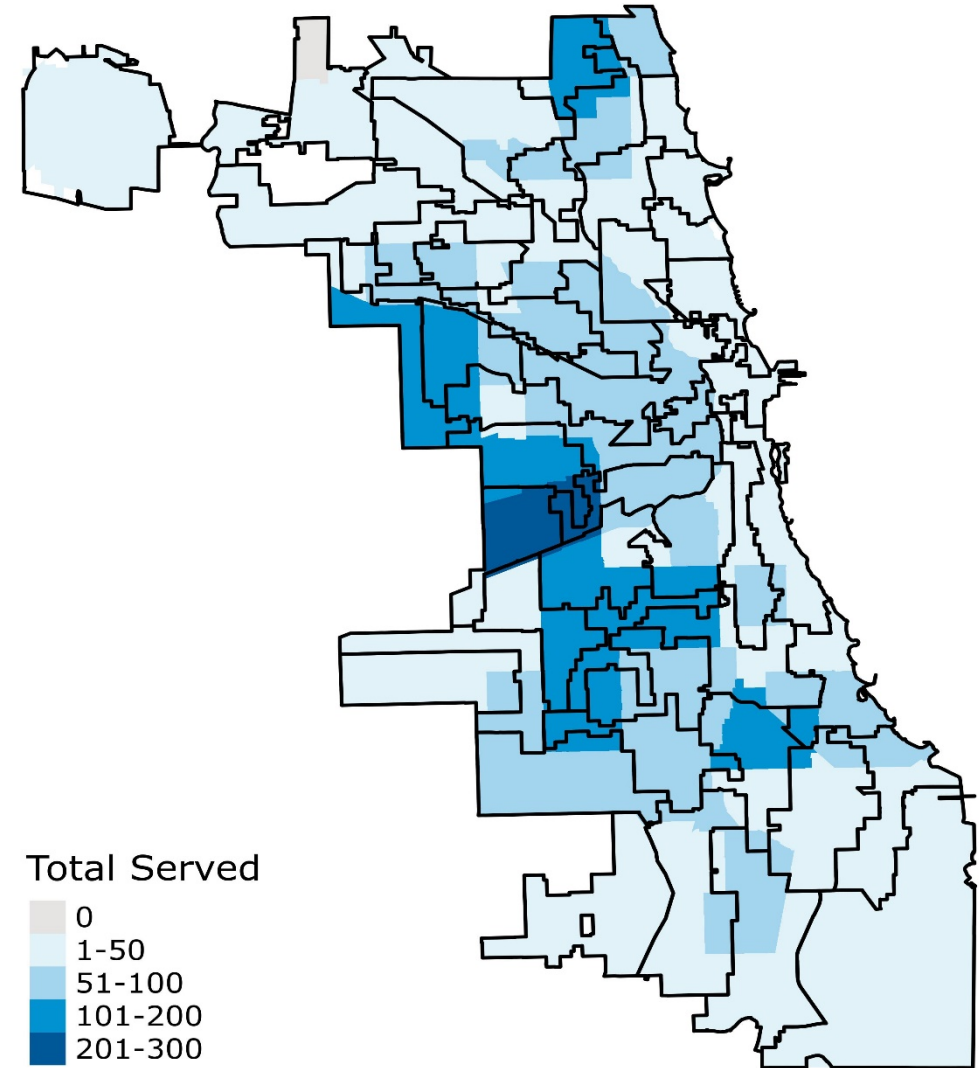
Public & Mental Health

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Addressing the root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including family, maternal and mental health investments.*

Family Connects offers post-partum care with participating hospitals and nurses to aide parents with newborn care. Services include:

- **Conducting in-home and virtual visits with eligible parents of newborns** to provide vital services and help connect families to complex health systems.
- **Expanding program** to all 15 birthing hospitals across Chicago, aiming to identify and **increase the number of eligible families receiving post-partum healthcare.**
- Providing **follow-up care and connections to community resources** such as early childcare, housing, and food assistance.

Department	Chicago Department of Public Health
# of participating hospitals	15
2025 Investment	\$13.2M
Funding	\$7.2M - ARPA \$0.3M - Corporate Fund \$4.0M - Title V MCH Block Grant \$1.7M - IDHS Family Connects Grant





Youth & Economy Workforce Development

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Provide more workforce development opportunities and expand youth employment opportunities*

Youth Opportunity Programs provides opportunities for unemployed and vulnerable youth who have difficulties securing employment and career advancement to foster work experience and confidence. Services include:

- The **Chicagobility Program**, employing youth ages 14-15 with project-based learning and skill-building experiences.
- The **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**, connecting youth ages 16-24 with job placement or training programs to provide work experience and career development.
- The **Chicago Youth Service Corps (CYSC)**, employing youth ages 16-24 through year-round leadership development and civic engagement programming.
- The **Year Round Employment Program (YREP)**, employing youth ages 16-24 during the academic year.

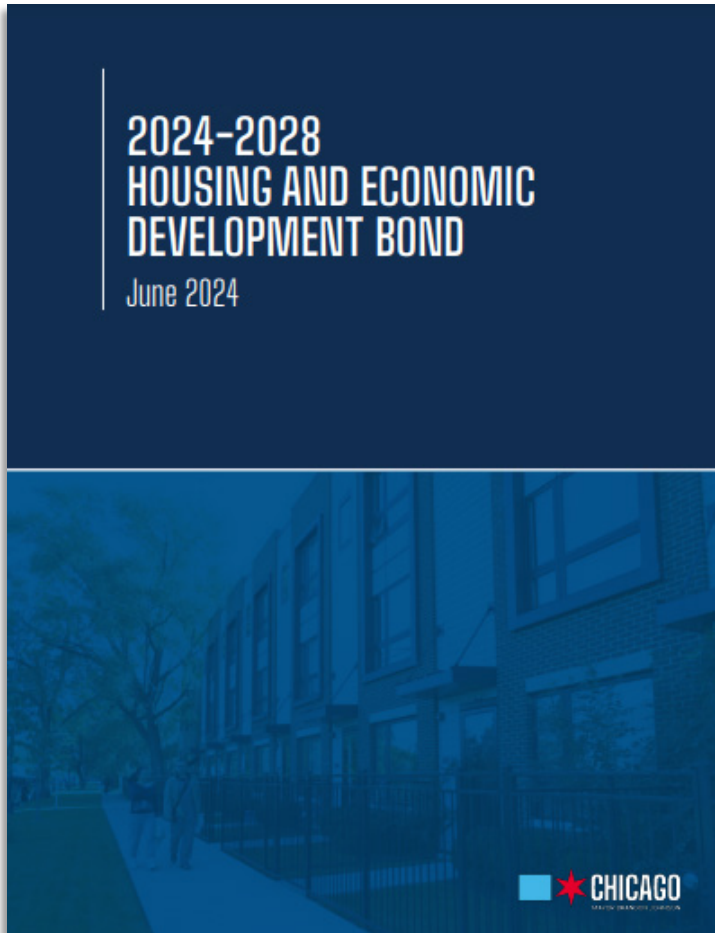
Department	DFSS
# of Jobs	29,000 (+1,000 increase)
2025 Investment	\$50M
Funding	\$43M – Corp \$7M – ARPA



The **Peace Book** will be implemented within YOP, My.Chi.My.Future. and CVI Grants.



Youth & Economy Economic Development



Economic Development: \$625 million over 5 years



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (\$400-500M)

- Small (\$250k or less): \$50-75m
- Medium (\$250k-\$5m): \$225-250m
- Large (over \$5m): \$125-175m



SMALL BUSINESS CAPACITY BUILDING (\$82.5-115M)

- Small and emerging business loan fund: \$75-100m
- Pre-development grants: \$7.5-15m



JOBS AND WEALTH BUILDING (\$57.5-90M)

- Jobs and workforce training grants: \$7.5-15m
- Missing middle housing infill strategy: \$50-75m

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Increase investment and development to revitalize historically disinvested neighborhood and commercial corridors.*

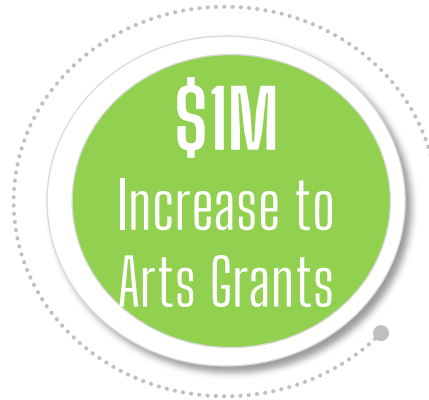
Department	Department of Planning & Development
Program	Small Business Grants
Grants Awarded	Up to 375 businesses
2025 Investment	\$84M
Funding Sources	\$11.2M - HED Bond and TIFWorks \$61.5M - SBIF \$8.0M - NOF \$8.0M - CDG-S Bond



Human Rights, Arts & Culture

Cultural Grant Programs & Neighborhood Programming

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Increase cultural grant programs that fund organizations and individual artists.*



Department	Cultural Affairs & Special Events
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of grantees in the Individual Artist Program • Sustain the Creative Place Making Program • Develop new grant programs to foster creative initiatives
2025 Investment	\$9.6M (\$1M increase)
Funding	\$9.6M - Special Events & Municipal Hotel Fund