



The Chicago Rehab Network is a multi-cultural, multi-racial coalition of community-based organizations which revitalize neighborhoods primarily through the development and rehabilitation of housing for low-income community residents. CRN and its members are dedicated to empowering communities without displacement and to building a strong affordable and accessible housing development movement in Chicago, throughout Illinois, and across the nation. CRN strives to meet the needs and promote the common goals of its members which foster socially and economically viable communities.

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The city is not short on prescriptions for what the next round of elected and appointed officials will need to do for the city's growth and development. There is a confluence of issues the city of Chicago must get right, but few are more important to the citizenry than addressing housing insecurity and investments in neighborhoods.

And, the good news is the city has the resources to get it right. The city has a dynamic tapestry of community development corporations that have decades of experience of working in neighborhoods and championing public-private investments.

Chicago's corporate leaders recognize the role affordable housing has for neighborhood stability, health, business investment, and workforce development and we need a budget and capital investment resources that reflect this as a priority.

The City of Chicago 2019 budget shows a lack of attention and rapid response to housing needs in this city. While there has been a bit of fanfare in that the 2019 budget reintroduces a Department of Housing, its Corporate Fund support, at \$4,348,251 is woefully short of the support afforded the Department the last time the city had a stand-alone Department of Housing that received \$32 million from the Corporate Fund in 2008. More, much more, must be done to increase the resources for affordable housing across this city.

Key Chicago Budget findings

The proposed Dept of Housing will receive \$4.3 million in Corporate Funds, a reduction from the 2008 high appropriation of \$32.3 million, which severely limits the resources that are needed to meet a housing affordability shortfall of 120,000 homes. (See Table 3)

The Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund is level funded at \$5.7 million from HOME dollars with no contribution from the Corporate Fund.

Overall funding for Delegate Agencies - key neighborhood partners leading service delivery and development strategies - is reduced almost 50% to \$7.9 million. (See Table 1)

No TIF Surplus dollars have been dedicated to neighborhood economic development such as rental housing rehab, construction, or modification.

Revenue from the Real Estate Transaction Tax remains robust at \$160 million dollars. \$64 millions of this is appropriated to the Chicago Transit Authority with no dollars dedicated to residential real estate activities.

Table 1

Changes in Funds to Delegate Agencies			
DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION	2018 REVISED APPROPRIATION	2019 RECOMMENDATION	variance
Chicago Animal Care and Control Total	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$0
Chicago Police Department Total	\$922,000	\$600,000	(\$322,000)
City Clerk Total	\$443,470	\$200,000	(\$243,470)
Commission on Human Relations	\$85,335	\$119,991	\$34,656
Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protect	\$3,357,039	\$3,357,039	\$0
Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Total	\$881,000	\$742,000	(\$139,000)
Department of Family and Support	\$252,722,972	\$410,526,532	\$157,803,560
Department of Housing Total	\$0	\$7,918,711	\$7,918,711
Department of Planning and Development Total	\$14,228,780	\$741,223	(\$13,487,557)
Department of Public Health Total	\$66,625,923	\$61,886,070	(\$4,739,853)
Department of Streets and San	\$625,000	\$825,000	\$200,000
Finance General Total	\$3,933,000	\$5,245,000	\$1,312,000
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Total	\$1,830,000	\$1,530,000	(\$300,000)
Grand Total	\$605,591,335	\$494,141,566	

Table 2.

Corporate Funds by Department -- Change 2018 to 2019 Proposed			
DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION	2018 REVISED APPROPRIATION	2019 RECOMMENDATION	Variance
Office of the Mayor Total	\$6,815,378	\$7,283,843	\$468,465
Office of Inspector General Total	\$5,896,544	\$6,578,727	\$682,183
Office of Budget and Management Total	\$3,029,848	\$3,147,391	\$117,543
Department of Innovation and Technology	\$22,815,293	\$23,872,930	\$1,057,637
City Council Total	\$26,561,491	\$27,128,987	\$567,496
Department of Housing Total	\$0	\$4,348,251	\$4,348,251
City Clerk Total	\$4,199,549	\$4,106,685	(\$92,864)
Department of Finance Total	\$68,885,075	\$68,128,991	(\$756,084)
City Treasurer Total	\$1,680,906	\$1,656,304	(\$24,602)
Department of Administrative Hearings	\$8,532,654	\$8,412,662	(\$119,992)
Department of Law Total	\$29,427,808	\$30,621,035	\$1,193,227
Department of Human Resources Total	\$6,723,807	\$6,873,622	\$149,815
Department of Procurement Services	\$6,841,179	\$7,186,519	\$345,340
Department of Fleet and Facility	\$199,378,556	\$209,962,373	\$10,583,817
Board of Election Commissioners Total	\$15,606,377	\$34,186,369	\$18,579,992
Department of Public Health Total	\$32,916,359	\$36,003,214	\$3,086,855
Commission on Human Relations Total	\$1,231,493	\$1,155,982	(\$75,511)
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities	\$1,627,801	\$1,595,158	(\$32,643)
Department of Family and Support	\$82,036,890	\$90,070,855	\$8,033,965
Department of Planning and Development Total	\$14,445,048	\$10,789,468	(\$3,655,580)
Police Board Total	\$473,519	\$465,978	(\$7,541)
Chicago Police Department Total	\$1,511,933,076	\$1,547,165,891	\$35,232,815
Office of Emergency Management and Comm	\$26,570,409	\$26,583,714	\$13,305
Chicago Fire Department Total	\$587,794,455	\$586,710,544	(\$1,083,911)
Civilian Office of Police Accountability Total	\$13,289,393	\$13,851,285	\$561,892
Department of Buildings Total	\$25,331,242	\$25,485,313	\$154,071
Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection	\$18,672,192	\$19,755,674	\$1,083,482
Chicago Animal Care and Control Total	\$6,479,324	\$6,843,307	\$363,983
License Appeal Commission Total	\$186,667	\$185,067	(\$1,600)
Board of Ethics Total	\$833,803	\$866,882	\$33,079
Department of Streets and Sanitation	\$149,603,606	\$153,677,980	\$4,074,374
Chicago Department of Transportation	\$57,399,918	\$59,196,513	\$1,796,595
Finance General Total	\$854,017,340	\$791,834,486	(\$62,182,854)
Grand Total	\$3,791,237,000	\$3,815,732,000	

Allocations from Chicago Corporate Funds to Housing 2008-2019

