





# COOK COUNTY EQUITY INVESTMENT

Since taking office, President Preckwinkle has worked tirelessly to address decades of trauma and disinvestment by providing hundreds of millions of dollars in no cost healthcare and tens of millions of dollars to economic development and justice grants. This FY2021 budget is building on the administration's long record of addressing inequality by adding a commitment of close to **\$100 million to be invested over the next two years.**

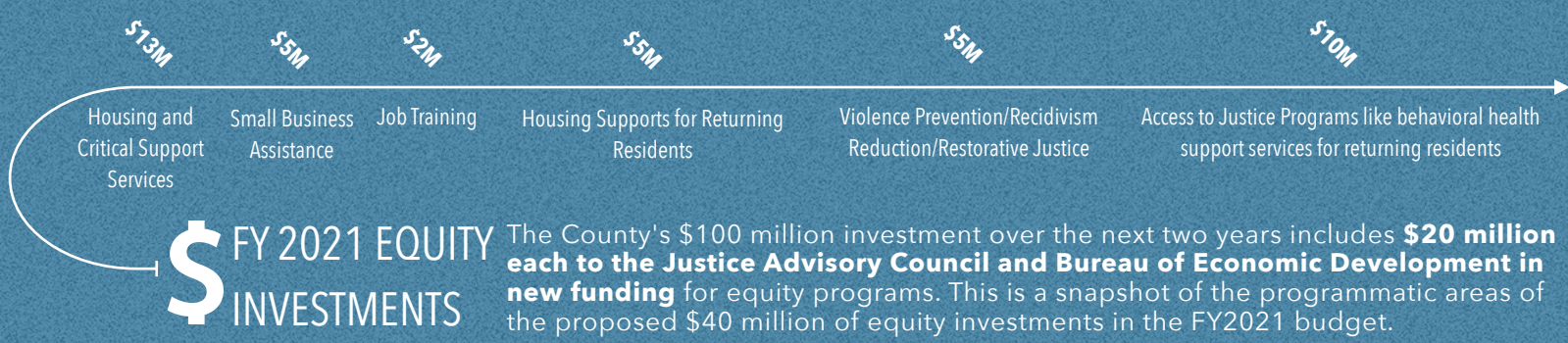
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**\$40 million** in extra public health funding for Suburban Cook with additional focus on the Southland communities  
**HEALTHCARE**
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**\$20 million** in new funding through the Justice Advisory Council on top of \$12.5 million already dedicated to violence prevention (VP) & restorative justice initiatives totalling \$32.5 million  
**JUSTICE**
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**\$30 million** for Fair Transit Demonstration to reduce fares and improve access to transportation in Cook County  
**TRANSPORTATION**
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**New \$20 million** to expand resources for small businesses, job training and placement, and critical services for residents including housing assistance, legal aid and foreclosure mediation  
**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**




- CRIMINAL JUSTICE**


A recent evaluation by DePaul University stated JAC programs and practices are evidence-informed and thus have proven to be effective in delivering successful outcomes.


- HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**


Expecting to provide \$312 million no cost care for individuals not eligible for insurance with \$30 million in behavioral health care, predominately on the South and West sides of Chicago.


- ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Bureau of Economic Development is expanding the financial investments for small businesses, job training and placement, and critical community services to support maximizing economic and community impact.



**COMMUNITY ACCESS INVESTMENTS**

- \$38.7 Million**  
 \$30.2 million for Fair Transit Demonstration in partnership with regional public transit agencies to reduce fares and improve rider services and \$8.5 million in funding for the Invest in Cook transportation program.
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**\$4.2 Million**  
 \$2.3 million in match funding over FY21 & FY22 to improve digital equity in the Southland.



Cook County remains committed to improving the quality of life of all residents. This budget contains **historic investments in restorative justice, violence prevention, digital equity, public health, workforce training, affordable transportation and housing assistance** directed to racially and ethnically segregated areas of poverty across Cook County and represents a commitment to increased equity funding in future budgets.