

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago's Fiscal Year 2025 budget ordinance appropriated substantial public funds to be spent with third-party contractors and grantees, including over \$1.12 billion for professional and technical services and other third-party benefit agreements and over \$387 million for delegate agencies; and

WHEREAS, The responsibility for administering, spending, and overseeing these funds, contracts, and grants is shared by several City departments; and

WHEREAS, Many of the services secured through third-party contracts and grants agreements are services that frequently are, have been, or could be provided directly by the City and its employees; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, increasingly large appropriations for third-party contracts and grant agreements have been made through the "Finance General" category in the City's annual appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Civic organizations have increasingly raised concerns about appropriations under the Finance General category, because these funds are not assigned to any department in the budget; and

WHEREAS, City departments share responsibility for administering, spending, and overseeing these funds, contracts and grant agreements, their current or past practice of providing these or substantially similar services, and the growth in appropriations made through a budget category which is not formally assigned to a specific department raises questions about the extent and effectiveness of contract and grant administration and oversight across City departments; and

WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to be good fiscal stewards of public funds, to seek improvements in third-party contractor and grantee administration, spending, and oversight, and to promote transparency in the operations of City government; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Department of Procurement Services, the Department of Finance, the Office of Budget Management, and any City department with over \$500,000 in appropriations for third-party contracts and grant agreements in the City's 2025 budget ordinance, shall report to the City Council Committee on the Budget and Government Operations regarding the following:

- Their current contract and grant administration and oversight practices and processes;

- Recent audits of third-party contractors and grantees;
- The nature and extent of their collaboration with other departments jointly responsible for administering, spending, and overseeing contracts and grants;
- The number of unused software licenses for which the City is paying third-party contractors and grantees; and
- The services currently provided by third-party contractors and grantees that could be provided directly by the City and its employees.

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Clt T. J. 24
Mangue Scott 24
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14th
27th
Walter Blum 27th
Scott Wagner 32
Bee 34
31st
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MDP 22
V. Carter 18
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Matthew J. Martin
Alderman, 47th Ward

Anthony J. Quinlan 35th

O. Varga 40th
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New Lee Do
41st
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8th
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