

# COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2022



## OUR MISSION

To promote equitable, human-centered, community-driven justice system innovation and practice through rigorous stakeholder engagement, policy work, service coordination, and grantmaking that increases community safety and reduces reliance on incarceration.



## GROWTH & STRATEGIC PLANNING

The JAC began 2022 with a staff of 5. The year ended with a team of 13. In the coming year, additional staff will join the grants team to support the increase in federal and county level investments managed by the JAC. Positions have been added to allow for an increased focus on data and research and legislative reform efforts.

The JAC has reimagined our mission statement and will innovate our grant funding categories to reflect current research and discourse. The JAC will continue to fund a diverse array of holistic programming that ultimately helps increase community safety and decrease reliance on incarceration.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Facilitated and grew the Safety & Justice Challenge Community Engagement Committee
- Worked collaboratively to create an implementation plan for the Racial Equity Cohort
- Held 7 community forums on Equity Cohorts opportunities and changes being brought by the Illinois Pretrial Fairness Act



## POLICY WORK

- Supported Cook County's collaborative implementation planning for reforms brought by the Illinois Pretrial Fairness Act
- Worked with partners to analyze and produce reports that inform stakeholders and the public of the local landscape on 1. Electronic Monitoring 2. Alternative Behavior Health Crisis Response Models



## GRANTS & INVESTMENTS



**COOK COUNTY  
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Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Opportunities



- Led the development, application and award process for Cook County's largest ever investment in Violence Prevention. The Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction Grant initiative is providing \$75 million to community-based organizations over the next 3 years
- Initiated a request for qualifications for the Domestic Violence Intervention & Support Services Initiative



## RE-ENTRY SERVICES

- Added 2 new housing providers under the No Place to Stay program which provides supportive housing for individuals on pretrial electronic monitoring
- Focusing on growing our involvement in policy and centering community engagement

