



CITY OF CHICAGO

MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Jason Ervin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Rachel Arfa
Commissioner
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

CC: Elizabeth Beatty
Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: November 7, 2023

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-01 Indirect Costs

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Ervin asked what the indirect cost calculation is for MOPD and how it is calculated.

MOPD's single indirect cost rate for 2023 is 63.22% according to the indirect cost proposal developed for the Department. The proposal was prepared in accordance with the OMB Uniform Guidance. A copy of MOPD's indirect cost proposal is available upon request.



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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-02 Delegate Agencies

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked how much each MOPD delegate agency is receiving and what services they provide.

Access Living

\$290,000 (CDBG)

Access Living provides case management services for MOPD's Personal Assistance Program

ASI

\$470,000 (CDBG)

ASI hires and manages Personal Assistants who are assigned to provide services to people with disabilities who receive services (up to six hours of assistance in their homes per week).

Extended Home Living Services (EHLS)

\$1,947,000 (CDBG)

\$100,000 (CHA funding)

EHLS implements home modifications through construction and renovations.

Independent Living Solutions (ILS)

\$749,000 (CDBG)

\$400,000 (corporate fund)

\$450,000 (funding from Department of Housing SARFS program)

Ada S. McKinley

\$5,000,000 (CLFRP)

Ada S. McKinley was selected through the RFP process to administer the Diverse Learners Cash Assistance program which will grant \$500 to students with disabilities who meet income requirements and who were adversely impacted by Covid-19.

TBD

\$250,000 (corporate)

MOPD will issue an RFP to identify a delegate agency to provide powerchair transport services.



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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-03 Home Modifications

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Lee asked how many applications MOPD received for the Home Modification program over the last three years and by ward.

Below is the number of applications by year. Please see the table below for requests by ward.

2021:	132
2022:	205
2023 (January-September):	393

10/25/2023

Valid Applications received for the HomeMod Program		
Applications received in 2021 for the 2022 year	Applications received in 2022 for the 2023 year	Applications received in 2023(Jan-Sept) for the 2024 year
Ward 1	0	1
Ward 2	0	0
Ward 3	1	3
Ward 4	0	3
Ward 5	3	8
Ward 6	8	20
Ward 7	10	19
Ward 8	9	25
Ward 9	3	37
Ward 10	4	13
Ward 11	0	4
Ward 12	1	5
Ward 13	3	5
Ward 14	4	1
Ward 15	5	10
Ward 16	3	27
Ward 17	6	37
Ward 18	1	13
Ward 19	3	9
Ward 20	3	7
Ward 21	8	45
Ward 22	2	5
Ward 23	4	4
Ward 24	3	10
Ward 25	0	1
Ward 26	1	3
Ward 27	1	5
Ward 28	3	9
Ward 29	6	12
Ward 30	0	3
Ward 31	2	2
Ward 32	0	2
Ward 33	1	4
Ward 34	11	0
Ward 35	1	1

Ward 36	5	2	5
Ward 37	3	9	24
Ward 38	2	1	2
Ward 39	0	4	0
Ward 40	0	0	2
Ward 41	2	1	1
Ward 42	0	0	1
Ward 43	3	1	1
Ward 44	0	0	0
Ward 45	4	6	1
Ward 46	1	0	0
Ward 47	0	0	2
Ward 48	1	1	0
Ward 49	1	0	1
Ward 50	0	0	0
Totals per year	132	205	393



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Date: October 30, 2023

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-04 City Council Accessibility

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Hadden asked for recommendations on how City Council can increase disability access.

MOPD has worked with the City Clerk's office to increase accessibility of City Council in the following ways:

Main Floor & Lower Gallery

- A handrail was installed on the wall side of the ramp leading up to the Witness Area.
- Informational signage was installed identifying Lower Gallery accessible seating.
- The number of wheelchair spaces in the Lower Gallery was increased from six to ten.
- Automatic door openers with wall-mounted touchless activators were installed to open the double doors leading to the Main Floor from the Annex Room.
- Transition of sloped floor and seating aisles. Installed a trip guard warning strip at all edges that will allow persons with visual impairments to identify the edge of the floor level change.
- Assistive Listening Systems were installed.

Annex Room Restrooms

- In the Women's Restroom accessible stall, the sidewall grab bar was reinstalled to extend 54" from the rear wall.
- The doors into the restrooms were prepared for the installation of automatic door openers.
- The telephones in the Annex Room were removed (these were mounted too high).

MOPD will continue to partner with the City Clerk's Office and the Sargeant-at-Arms on increasing accessibility including around communication access. This can include effective open/closed captioning, American Sign Language interpretation, materials in alternate formats and any other access needs.



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ID#: 48-05 Ward Office Accessibility

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Hadden asked how to make Aldermanic ward offices and services more accessible for people with disabilities.

MOPD is scheduling quarterly disability awareness trainings for Alderpersons and aldermanic staff in 2024 and is also available to provide technical assistance on any accessibility questions.

To request any trainings, Alderpersons or staff may email MOPD Commissioner Rachel Arfa at Rachel.Arfa@cityofchicago.org



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ID#: 48-06 Emergency Power Chair Transport

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Sicho-Lopez asked for additional information regarding the \$250,000 to be allocated to a delegate agency for emergency power chair transport.

MOPD will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite applications for a delegate agency who can provide emergency and on-demand pickup of powerchairs on a short/emergency basis, for people with disabilities who experience medical and other emergencies. This will allow for secure and safe transport of power wheelchairs. For example, a person with a disability who utilizes a power wheelchair is at Navy Pier and experiences a medical emergency, they may be taken by ambulance to an emergency room. This will create a protocol for the safe transport of their power chair since the power chair is unable to fit in the ambulance and will then be transported by the delegate agency.

We will collaborate with our public safety and transportation agencies and stakeholders to build out this new model.



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ID#: 48-07 Workforce and Vacancies

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked the following questions and answers are provided below each question.

Changes in headcount projected for 2024.

There is no change in headcount projected for 2024.

Number of funded vacancies and breakdown for 2024.

Director of Administration II (1)

Status: Initial phase for preparation to post.

Training Officer (1)

Status: Position is currently posted, scheduled to close on November 3, 2023.

Accessibility Inspectors (2)

Status: Hiring offers made to two candidates.

Staff Assistant (1)

Status: Posting has closed and interviews are being scheduled.

Community Service Representative (1)

Status: Candidate is scheduled to start on November 1, 2023.

Duckworth/DOJ Disabled Survivors of Gun & Community Violence Project Coordinator (1)

Status: Position is currently posted, scheduled to close on November 8, 2023.

Number of vacancies being cut – what positions (job titles) are being eliminated?

No vacancies will be cut. A Deputy Commissioner title was eliminated and re-classified as Director of Administration II.

Number of non-union employees to receive salary increases in 2024 budget

A total of 16 non-union employees will receive scheduled cost of living increases in the 2024 budget.

Description of outsourced services projected for 2024

MOPD does not have any outsourced services projected for 2024.

List of savings and cost-efficiencies due to zero-based budgeting.

MOPD does not utilize zero-based budgeting.