

CITY OF CHICAGO BUDGET FOR GENDER- BASED VIOLENCE

FISCAL YEAR 2023



The Network
ADVOCATING AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MAINTAINING AND INCREASING INVESTMENTS

In 2021, the City of Chicago made a historic investment of \$35 million in gender-based violence services. This included \$10 million in previous funding, \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, and \$5 million on bond.

The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline received a record number of contacts in 2021 at over 32,000 calls, texts, and chats. Hotline contacts showcased the persistent need for gender-based violence services such as legal advocacy, affordable housing, medical advocacy, and mental health counseling.

To ensure service providers can meet the demand for services and the multifaceted needs of survivors, the City of Chicago needs to maintain and increase funding sources for gender-based violence.



MAKING ARPA-FUNDED PROGRAMS PERMANENT

Utilization of ARPA funding for critical services such as housing, youth services, and legal services marked an important step to supporting survivors. Yet, service providers will experience limited staffing and an inability to meet survivor needs if this investment is not made permanent in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

A permanent investment ensures survivors have access to stabilizing supportive services and legal protections.

INCREASING GENERAL REVENUE FUNDING

Additional funding in a line item of the budget would enable providers to sustain the shifts in services that benefitted survivors during the pandemic, along with expanding services to address the multiple safety challenges faced by families in Chicago. Investment in core domestic violence and gender-based violence programs is essential to support staffing and other organizational needs to better serve survivors.

INCREASE TO
\$50 MILLION IN INVESTMENTS