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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT  
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Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations (CBGO) submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for MAY 2026.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On May 13, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall, Council Chamber, 121 N. LaSalle Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairman Ervin (28), Vice-Chairman Lee (11), La Spata (1), Robinson (4), Yancy (5), Mitchell (7), Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Moore (16), O'Shea (19), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Napolitano (41), Knudsen (43), Martin (47) and Haddon (49).

The following members attended virtually: Dowell (3), Harris (8), Quezada (35), Mitts (37), Vasquez (40) and Reilly (42).

The following members were absent: Beale (9), Ramirez (12), Conway (34) and Silverstein (50).

The following non-members were present: Waguespack (32).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget and Management (OBM):** Matthew Schmitz, Managing Deputy Budget Director; **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD):** Antonio Washington, Director of Finance, Mark Nobriga, Home Mod Program Manager; **Department of Planning and Development (DPD):** Jeffrey Cohen, Deputy Commissioner; **Chicago Police Department (CPD):** Timothy Fary, Detective; **Office of Public Safety Administration (OPSA):** Tomas Maulawin, Director of Grants Management.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations addressed the following items:

- **Approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of April 2026.**
1. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment within Fund 925.  
(O2026-0025214)**
  2. **Redevelopment Agreement with South Side Community Art Center to provide  
Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF) assistance for renovation of property at 3831  
South Michigan Avenue in the 3rd Ward.  
(O2026-0024925)**
  3. **Transfer of funds within 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year  
2026.  
(O2026-0024786)**
  4. **Transfer of funds within 13<sup>th</sup> Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year  
2026.  
(O2026-0024876)**
  5. **Transfer of funds within 31<sup>st</sup> Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year  
2026.  
(O2026-0024173)**

Chairman Ervin called meeting to order, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. He then made a Motion to allow Committee Members Aldermen Robinson, Harris, Reilly, Silverstein, Mitts, Vasquez, Dowell and Quezada to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by (inaudible). Chairman queried all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Hearing no objections, the Chairman decreed the Ayes have it, duly recorded the Aldermen added to the roll for quorum and verbally checked to confirm Alders' presence. Aldermen Vasquez, Dowell, Harris, Quezada and Reilly confirmed their attendance. He then opened the floor for public comments. The following speakers were acknowledged and given three minutes each for commentaries:

- Pastor Sandie A. Norman
- Qoshona Harris
- George Blakemore
- Tiwon Sims
- Jessica Jackson
- Zoe Leigh
- Patricia Puente Blancas

The Chair concluded the public comment period, took a moment to add Aldermen O'Shea, Robinson, Scott, Cardona, Villegas and Knudsen to the roll for purposes of quorum. He also acknowledged and welcomed from the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, "It Takes a Village Leadership Academy", who were present in the chamber. Chairman Ervin then returned to the Agenda, proceeded to approval of the Rule 45 Report for April 2026, which report was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair asked if there were any requests for discussion. Hearing no such requests, Alderman La Spata moved to approve the report. A voice vote was taken, no objections recognized and the report was approved.

The Chairman then continued to Item #1 on the agenda, a direct introduction of a communication recommending adoption of an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment within Fund 925. Matthew Schmitz, Managing Deputy Budget Director, was acknowledged and provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the Fund 925 Appropriation, an additional \$48,000 total in Federal grant awards from the Chicago Housing Authority for the Home Modification Program under the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to modify CHA properties and the Chicago Police Department for the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project. The Managing Deputy Budget Director concluded, and the Chair opened the floor for questions and comments, recognizing Alderman Moore.

Alderman Moore asked how much was from the housing authority? Managing Deputy Budget Director responded with \$48,000. Alderman Moore proceeded by asking if the Home Modifications were just for Section 8 units or what, when you say CHA housing, scattered sites? Managing Deputy Budget Director referred the question to a representative from the MOPD. Esther Gutierrez, Senior Policy Analyst, MOPD stated her name for the record then replied that it's not the Section 8 program, it's the Choose to Own Program, which is private housing not the public housing. Alderman Moore requested clarity, by asking if it's private housing, the Choose to Own Program for people with disabilities to modify the homes they are purchasing, right? Senior Policy Analyst Gutierrez stated, correct. Alderman Moore thanked Chairman and concluded. The Chairman next called Vice Chair Lee who requested a point of clarification on the total appropriation, \$43,000 or \$48,000? Managing Deputy Budget Director answered \$43,000 for MOPD and \$5,000 for CPD. Vice Chair then asked how many more home modifications will we get with the additional \$43,000? Senior Policy Analyst Gutierrez responded, approximately two more households. Vice Chair Lee concluded. The Chair returned to Alderman Moore who inquired about the \$5,000 for CPD. Managing Deputy Schmitz stated, the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project. Alderman Moore asked for further explanation of the project. Detective Tim Fary, CPD, Bureau of Detectives stated his name for the record then proceeded to explain that the National Crime Victims' Rights Week is annually, every April and CAPS is the Community Awareness Project, this is a grant that we apply for and have been awarded since 2023. Alderman Moore concluded. The Chair queried the members for additional questions, seeing there were none, acknowledged a Motion for Move Do Pass on Item #1, Alderman [inaudible] made said Motion, followed by Chair requesting all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Hearing all Ayes, no Nays, recorded that in the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it. The Fund 925 Ordinance was approved and was to be reported at the next City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Chairman Ervin advanced agenda to address Item# 2, a Redevelopment Agreement with South Side Community Art Center to provide Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF) assistance for renovation of property at 3831 South Michigan Avenue in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. The Chairman recognized Jeffrey Cohen, DPD for the purpose of providing a presentation on the RDA. The speaker greeted the Chairman and committee members and stated for the record that he was Jeffrey Cohen, Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Planning & Development. He conveyed being here today to request the Committee's approval of a Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Redevelopment Agreement for South Side Community Art Center for the purposes of authorizing \$5 million in NOF funding for proposes of renovating the approximately 8,000 square foot landmark mansion, upgrading and modernizing the city's historic space, building systems in support of the center's programming and resource. In addition to constructing a 10,000 square foot ADA-accessible addition for new exhibition space and archival storage. The grant will support a longstanding community asset in Douglas and Bronzeville community areas, create and retain up to 10 full-time jobs, and allow the center to modernize and upgrade the facility to enhance its educational mission, ensuring the longevity of the historical and culturally significant asset. DPD expressed their support as well as Alderman Dowell's. Deputy Commissioner Cohen concluded the presentation and thanked the Body, bidding for its favorable consideration for support and acknowledged he and members of the development team welcome any questions. The Chairman then recognized Alderman Dowell who congratulated Monique Brinkman Hill, Executive Director and Susan Smith,

Board Member for their leadership in preserving and expanding an important Chicago Landmark in the Bronzeville community. She asked for her colleagues to support this effort, thanked the Chairman then concluded. The Chair next recognized Alderman Robinson who commended Alderman Dowell, Ms. Hill and Ms. Smith for their hard work and for bringing this across the finish line. He also encouraged friends from It Takes a Village to tour the facility when it opens. Chair Ervin asked if there were any other questions, seeing there were none, the Chair acknowledged Aldermen Lopez's Motion for Move Do Pass, requesting all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Recorded all Ayes, no Nays and in the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it, and the matter was approved and would be reported at the next City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Chairman then conveyed that the final set of Items 3 through 5, were Transfers of Fund Ordinances. A substitute was proposed for Item #5, the 31<sup>st</sup> Ward, which substitute ordinance had been distributed to Committee Members, then queried for a Motion to accept the substitute, so Moved by Vice Chair Lee. He queried for all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? He recorded all Ayes and no Nays and that in the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it and the Substitute is now before us so we will entertain a Motion to pass Items 3 through 5, which are Transfers of Funds in the 10th Ward, 13th Ward and 31st Ward for Year 2026. So Moved by Vice Chair Lee. The Chair then queried for all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? There were all Ayes, no Nays, and the Motion was recorded as approved and would be reported out at the next regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman [inaudible] for adjournment, the Chairman acknowledged all ayes and no nays, and the meeting was duly adjourned.

*(A video recording of the full meetings with committee members, internal and external experts, as well as any/all public speaking content can be reviewed on the Chicago City Clerk website under Committee Meeting Web Stream Archive dated May 13<sup>th</sup>, respectively.)*

Respectfully submitted by:



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Alderman Jason C. Ervin  
Chairman, Committee on Budget  
& Government Operations