

1 AN ACT concerning community development.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 17a-15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/17a-15 new)

7 Sec. 17a-15. Community service programs; Department of
8 Human Services.

9 (a) The Department of Human Services must establish a
10 program to award grants to area projects to plan, establish,
11 operate, coordinate, and evaluate community services programs.
12 For purposes of this Section, "area project" means an entity
13 whose purpose is to develop, manage, provide, and coordinate a
14 community services program and "community services program"
15 means a program, based on the Chicago Area Project Model, aimed
16 at changing social, cultural, and environmental conditions
17 that prevent youth and families from maximizing their potential
18 and that place youth in a condition that increases their
19 tendency to become involved in the juvenile justice or child
20 welfare systems.

21 (b) The Department of Human Services must, by rule,
22 establish the eligibility criteria for an area project,
23 including the composition and responsibilities of the
24 governing authority of an area project, application
25 requirements, service components of community services
26 programs, and the review and monitoring of community services
27 program plans. At a minimum, an area project must be a
28 not-for-profit organization (i) (A) whose preponderance of
29 resources is directed to community services programs that are
30 different than intervention-oriented youth services or (B)
31 that creates through an amendment to its by-laws or other
32 binding agreement a specific body whose purpose is to develop,

1 manage, provide, and coordinate a community services program
2 and (ii) that includes representation from any community
3 committee, as defined by rule of the Department of Human
4 Services, of the area project and may also include business and
5 industry leaders, educators, and other concerned citizens.

6 (c) The Department of Human Services shall fund community
7 services programs by grants made through negotiated contracts,
8 which are written agreements mutually agreed upon by the
9 Department and the area project. The payment of funds to area
10 projects under the community services program shall be in the
11 form of a grant paid in equal monthly installments. In the
12 event of reduced or insufficient funding, existing grants shall
13 receive proportionate reductions.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.