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**Cook County and Chicago Bar Foundation Announce Recipients of Outreach Grants to
Three 16th District Organizations**

Three community organizations in Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar's 16th District received outreach grants ranging between \$4,000 and \$12,000

(Cook County, IL) - Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Chicago Bar Foundation Executive Director Bob Glaves announced the recipients of \$180k worth of outreach grants to 24 community-based organizations across Cook County. Three organizations in Cook County's 16th District were among the recipients: **BEDS Plus Care** in LaGrange, **PASO - West Suburban Action Project** in Melrose Park, and **Access to Care** in Westchester all received between \$4,000 to \$12,000 in grant money.

"These three incredible organizations have met the moment of each challenge our district faces and have provided great support and resources to our residents," said Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar. "I am proud to partner with these groups to help respond to our community's needs, whether that be housing security, community justice initiatives, or access to health care. Congratulations to these outstanding organizations and I look forward to future partnerships into our district."

The grants will fund community outreach efforts for Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt (CCLAHD). CCLAHD is a county-wide initiative aimed at helping residents resolve eviction, foreclosure, debt, and tax deed issues through free legal aid, mediation services, case management and connections to resources.

BEDS Plus Care delivers emergency services, including overnight shelter, housing services and homelessness prevention to reduce and end homelessness in Southwest Suburban Cook County. The mission of BEDS Plus Care is to help vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services, and to end homelessness.

PASO – West Suburban Action Project (Proyecto de Acción de los Suburbios del Oeste) is a community-based social justice organization that works to engage community members to address issues

that affect them, their families, and neighbors with the mission to build stronger communities where all residents can live dignified lives regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic or immigration status.

The Access to Care (ATC) program is administered by the Suburban Primary Health Council. ATC is a non-profit primary health care program for residents of suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago who are lower-income, uninsured, and underinsured. ATC has proudly served our communities since 1988. Access to Care partners with physicians and hospitals all across suburban Cook County to offer health care services to our members. Access to Care welcomes all residents in our service area regardless of their race, age, religion, country of origin, gender identity, orientation, physical and mental ability, or immigration status.

“Cook County launched CCLAHD to assist our residents facing issues surrounding evictions, foreclosures, and debt,” said Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle. “And while we’ve seen success for residents in the program, all of us need to come together to reach out to folks to let them know about the available resources – that’s where our community partners come in. We’re proud to partner with folks on the ground to get the word out about CCLAHD to our residents in greatest need.”

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