

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR GRANT SERVICES  
RELATED TO THE YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) for Grant Services related to the Youthbuild Program at Crane Tech Prep Common School. CHA was selected to perform these grant services because CHA received the award from HUD for the Youthbuild Program to develop sub-grants for all of the Youthbuild Partners, including CPS Crane Tech Prep Common School. A written agreement for these grant services is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specifications No.: 01-250298

**GRANTOR:** Chicago Housing Authority  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Pamela Cotton, Staff Council  
Tel. No.: (312) 791-8415

**USER:** Crane Tech Prep Common School  
2245 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60612  
Contact person: Melver L. Scott, Principal  
June P. Collins, School Operations Manager  
Tel. No.: (773) 534- 7550

**TERM:** The term of the agreement shall commence on April 19, 2001 and shall end on October 19, 2002.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** Either party may, with or without cause, terminate this agreement for convenience upon thirty (30) days of written notice.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Youthbuild Program will provide outreach, educational, job training in the construction trades, job placement and support services for eligible ABLA residents, ages 16 through 24. Youthbuild will work in conjunction with the Employability Plus Program. Employability Plus is an approved CPS program in the ABLA Development, that currently assists eligible participants to re-enter high school and prepares students for GED and employment testing. The Board has provided these services, in conjunction with Crane, for the E.P.P. since 1985. The Youthbuild and E.P.P., in separate program capacities, will both provide on-site educational services. However the administrative services of the E.P.P. teacher/coordinator will enhance the Youthbuild Program by assuring that academic services comply with CPS's educational standards. Youthbuild students will receive on-site construction training and comprehensive support services at the housing development, through contract with other Youthbuild partners. . Eligible students will be encouraged to re-enter high school and participants will also have the opportunity to prepare for the GED.

**BOARD'S CONTRIBUTION:** Under this agreement, the Board will contribute in-kind administrative services of the currently assigned Employability Plus Program teacher/coordinator, to the Youthbuild Program. The Board, through Crane Tech Prep Common School, will provide in-kind administrative services for the Youthbuild Program through the direct involvement of the assigned Employability Plus Program teacher/coordinator. The E.P.P. teacher/coordinator will oversee the academic services for Youthbuild participants and supervise the Youthbuild instructor.. In addition, a retired, part-time, Youthbuild teacher (instructor) will be hired through Crane, to teach Youthbuild' academic classes. This instructor will teach eligible, out of school youth, without a high school diploma or GED. Classroom activities will include learning writing skills, grammar-vocabulary skills, reading, mathematics and the acquisition of public speaking, study and library skills

**CHA'S CONTRIBUTION:** CHA will provide classroom space to accommodate at least twenty (20) participants, identify program participants and will reimburse the Board, upon invoice, for monies spent in the amount of \$28,957.00. The reimbursed funds will cover the costs for the part-time instructor's compensation, parent stipends and general supplies. CHA has contracted with other community partners for construction training, comprehensive supportive services and evaluation for the Youthbuild Program.

**OUTCOMES:** The outcomes of the Youthbuild program include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Provision of opportunities for housing residents to be transitioned into general vocational or alternative high school and/or receive a GED certificate.
- ◆ Development of a replicable model that improves the employment opportunities of public housing residents
- ◆ Reduction of drug activity in the community by offering positive, developmental options for high-risk youth.
- ◆ Successful Youthbuild participants will also qualify to enter apprenticeship programs in the building trades
- ◆ Additional remodeling and beautification of the ABLA housing developments.

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** CHA will reimburse the Board up to \$28,957 for the Youthbuild services to cover costs for the part-time instructor/tutor, community aid/parent stipends, general supplies and GED test materials.

**AUTHORIZATIONS:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for a unique transaction.

**LSC REVIEW:** The Youthbuild action was approved by the Crane Tech Prep Common School Local School Council on June 21, 2001.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Crane Tech Prep Common School Fiscal Year: 2001-2002  
Budget Classification: 1270-280-118-0302-sundry objects \$28,957

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that , in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

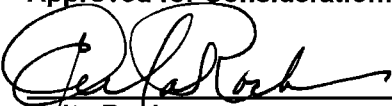
Conflicts- The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into the violation of the provisions of 105ILCS5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of , or the letting of contracts to former Board members during the one year period following expiration or termination of the terms of the office.

Indebtedness- The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3) as amended from time to time , shall be incorporated into and made a part of this agreement.


Ethics- The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0726-EX3) as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability- The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent year budget(s).

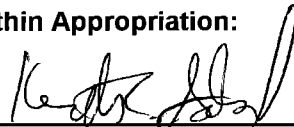
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Anita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

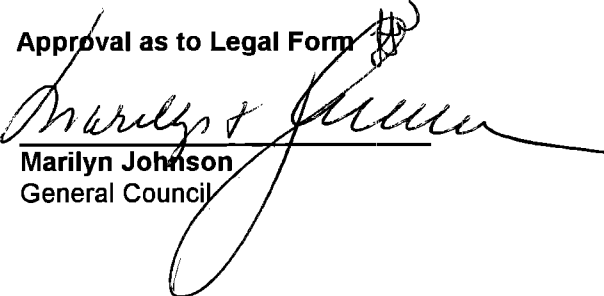
**Approved**

  
Arnie Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer *BY/PA/D*

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approval as to Legal Form**

  
Marilyn Johnson  
General Council