

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
November 30, 2018

In governmental funds, expenditures, other than long-term debt and other long-term obligations (compensated absences, pensions, OPEB, property tax objections, self-insurance claims, etc.) are expected to be paid with available expendable resources and are recognized when obligations are incurred. Debt principal retirements and other payments related to long-term obligations other than debt, are reported as expenditures when due.

In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services, in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. The principal operating revenue of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System ("CCHHS") enterprise fund is payments received under CountyCare, charges to patients for services performed, and certain grants. Operating expenses of the CCHHS include the cost of services, costs incurred to other providers, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets.

Governmental Funds

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. There are three accounts used by the County for General Fund financial resources: the Corporate Account, the Public Safety Account, and the Self Insurance Account. The Corporate Account includes all revenues and expenditures attributable to government management and supporting services; control of environment; assessment, collection and distribution of taxes; election; economic and human development; and transportation. The Public Safety Account includes the revenues and expenditures attributable to the protection of persons and property (corrections and courts), to include the costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation, government management and supporting services and revenues and expenditures of the Medical Examiner. The Self Insurance Account is used to account for employee health claims and various County risks, including workers' compensation and other liabilities.

Annuity and Benefit Fund – The Annuity and Benefit Fund was established to account for the yearly revenues and expenditures the County receives and transmits to the separate body politic represented by the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County. Revenues are derived from dedicated tax levies, personal property replacement taxes and interest earnings.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition, construction and renovation of major capital facilities of the County. The Capital Projects Fund includes the following accounts: government management and supporting services, protection of health, corrections and courts.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources to pay principal and interest, when due, of the bonded debt incurred by the County.