

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

Cook County BUILT IN COOK (HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program) funds are awarded to eligible public, private or non-profit entities to aid in the retention and creation of new jobs within Suburban Cook County. These funds are awarded as loans with terms negotiated on a per-project basis. The County has established a formal program to monitor the status and repayment of these loans. Total loans outstanding at November 30, 2018 total \$7,655,145. The County has determined that no allowance was necessary as of November 30, 2018.

Property taxes – Following the approval of the Annual Appropriation Bill proceedings as adopted by the County Board, authorization is given to provide for the collection of revenue by direct taxes on real property. This is known as the tax levy and must be certified to and filed in the Cook County Clerk's (the "Clerk") Office. The real property taxes become a lien on property and a receivable as of January 1st in the budget year for which taxes are levied.

The County Assessor (the "Assessor") is responsible for the assessment of all taxable real property within the County, except for certain railroad property and pollution control, which is assessed directly by the State. One-third of the County is reassessed each year on a repeating triennial schedule established by the Assessor.

Property assessed by the County is subject to equalization by the State. The equalized value is added to the valuation of property assessed directly by the State (to which an equalization factor is not applied) to arrive at the assessment base used by the Clerk in determining the tax rate for the County's tax levy. By virtue of its Constitutional "home rule" powers, the County does not have a statutory tax limit, except as described below.

The County Board passed The Property Tax Relief Ordinance, which voluntarily restricts the growth in the aggregate real property tax levy for the General (Corporate and Public Safety Accounts) and the CCHHS funds, to the lesser of 5% or the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The Bond and Interest levy, the Pension levy and Election levy are excluded from this ordinance.

Property taxes are collected by the County Collector (who is also the County Treasurer), who remits to the County its respective share of the collections. Taxes levied in one year normally become due and payable in two installments, on March 1st and the latter of August 1st or 30 days after the mailing of the tax bills during the following year. The first installment is an estimated bill equal to 55% of the prior year's tax bill. The second installment is for the balance of the current year's tax bill, and is based on the current levy, assessment and equalization, and any changes from the prior year in those factors. Railroad property taxes (based on the State's assessments) are due in full at the time the second installment is due.

The 2018 levy year taxes are intended to finance FY 2018, and are recorded as revenue in the government wide statements (full accrual) even though the tax bills are prepared and collected in the next fiscal year. In the governmental fund financial statements, the 2018 levy year taxes are reported as deferred inflows of resources (amounts are unavailable). For the governmental fund financial statements, property tax revenue for FY 2018 represents the amount of property taxes levied in FY 2017 and collected in FY 2018 (and 60 days thereafter). Property tax receivable at November 30, 2018 in governmental funds and governmental activities represents