

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

Restricted – This consists of net position that is restricted to specific purposes, that is, when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – This consists of net position (deficit) that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Net position for governmental activities follows the policy for the use of restricted and unrestricted resources outlined above. For Enterprise Funds and Business-type activities, the County considers restricted resources to have been spent first when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

10. Cash Flows

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the County considers all unrestricted, highly liquid investments with a maturity date of ninety days or less from the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Restricted investments consist only of investments with a maturity date greater than ninety days from the date of purchase.

11. Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are charged to various Federal programs, State programs and other funds based on a formal plan developed annually by the County. These costs are reflected as expenditures/expenses in those funds benefiting from the services provided and as reimbursements to the General Fund, which provides the services.

12. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

13. Governmental Activities Column Statement of Net Position

The Governmental Activities column for the County excludes debt related to business-type activities in the “Net investment in capital assets” line item totaling \$582,422,713. The County issues debt to finance construction projects for its business-type activities (CCHHS); however, the CCHHS owns the assets and the County retires the debt. The Statement of Net Position reports an adjustment column to properly reflect the entity wide net investment in capital assets.