COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund of the County consists of three accounts: the Corporate Account, the Public Safety Account, and the Self Insurance Account. They are the general operating accounts of the County. The accounts are used for all financial resources except those accounted for in another fund.

The Corporate Account includes the expenditures of such departments as the County Assessor, the County Treasurer, the County Clerk, the Recorder of Deeds, and the County Highway Department. Revenues for this account are derived from the property tax levy, non-property taxes, interest earned on investments, departmental fees, reimbursements from other governments and other miscellaneous sources.

The Public Safety Account consists of the expenditures of the County's criminal justice system: jails, courts, and related programs. County Departments included are the Corrections, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Adult Probation, Juvenile Division of the Judicial Administration, and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. Revenues supporting this account are obtained from the property tax levy, home-rule taxes (County Sales Tax), departmental fees, interest earned on investments, reimbursements from other governments and other miscellaneous sources.

The Self Insurance Account for the County accounts for self-insurance risks for employee health claims and various County risks, including medical malpractice, workers' compensation, general, automobile and other liabilities including the liabilities of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS). The County funds its self-insurance liabilities, including those of the CCHHS, on a current basis and has the authority to finance such liabilities through the levy of property taxes.