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**YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Selected by City of Chicago to Lead
Community Outreach For Domestic Workers to Receive Cash
Assistance**

***Second round of the Chicago Resiliency Fund will provide domestic workers and
undocumented Chicago residents with \$500 relief payments***

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago has been selected by the city of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services to serve as the lead Outreach Coordinator for the Chicago Resiliency Fund 2.0.

The fund's second round of payments will support up to 17,000 Chicago residents and is specifically targeted for domestic workers and undocumented residents of the city, two populations that were often left out of stimulus package opportunities due to lack of adequate tax filing information. The Resiliency Fund 2.0 is part of the \$1.9B [Chicago Recovery Plan](#) bucket of investments and represents a continued commitment from the City of Chicago to center households in the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Care workers are the backbone of our economy — they make all other work possible. As a daughter of a domestic worker, I know the challenges they face day in and day out to support other families while trying to keep their own afloat," said Mayor Lightfoot. "This fund represents the continued commitment from my administration to ensure that our hardest-hit residents, including domestic workers and undocumented residents, get access to recovery funds."

DFSS Commissioner Brandie Knazze also commented on the initiative, *"While the COVID stimulus payments were a great help for so many during the pandemic, many hard-working residents were left out of this critical resource. The Resiliency Fund 2.0 is designed to help those who had to navigate the pandemic without such resources. We are grateful to our nonprofit partners for their support in helping our residents to access this financial assistance and to promote an equitable recovery from COVID-19."*

To be eligible, applicants must live in Chicago, be 18 or older, have household income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$69,090 for a household of 3), and be either a domestic worker or undocumented resident. Residents can apply at www.chicash.org.

"The YWCA is proud to partner with the City of Chicago on community outreach and application assistance for this historic program, leading a coalition of partners including Arise Chicago," said



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Nicole Robinson, CEO, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. *“ As a trusted resource for communities across Chicagoland, we can help elevate visibility of this program, and help ensure that those who qualify have the opportunity to successfully apply. As an organization focused on driving economic equity, we’re thrilled to be connecting those in need with financial assistance to help meet the needs of their families.”*

The application plus FAQs and help options are available at www.chicash.org. Community-based organizations can also visit the website to access outreach materials for distribution to their communities. Application assistance is available to residents who lack ready access to the internet. A full calendar of application assistance events is available at www.chicash.org: scroll to the bottom of the page to the section titled “Assistance Events Calendar for Residents.”

About YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Founded in 1876, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a social enterprise committed to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. As a leading association among a national network of more than 200 YWCAs, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leader in the areas of sexual violence support, early childhood and childcare provider services, family support, youth STEM programming and economic empowerment. A commitment to racial justice, equity and inclusion is foundational to all YWCA programs and services. Located in the third-largest American city, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago works at both the individual and systems levels to create the truly inclusive marketplace necessary for a diverse and balanced economy. The organization is an active member of many national, state, county and city-level coalitions, advocating for policies that combat racism and positively affect women and families. Learn more at www.ywcachicago.org and follow @ywcachicago on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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