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Here is the latest version. We are still waiting on the last training info from Mark. Let us know if you want any changes. Jason will coordinate. Thanks.

Neighborhood Recovery Initiative:

Governor Quinn's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative will help protect and rebuild our most vulnerable urban communities from the devastating effects of the economic recession. This is a comprehensive and concerted effort to keep our young people safe, off the streets and in school. Since the best social program is a job, this will provide people of all ages with the skills to compete for the jobs of today and tomorrow. But these jobs must be in the areas that need them the most. The Neighborhood Recovery Initiative will provide small businesses with technical expertise and access to capital, which will help them expand and create those desperately needed jobs. It's about protecting our greatest asset, our future. It's about giving people hope and opportunities. It's about giving small businesses - the backbone of our economy - the resources and the experience to turn promising ideas into emerging companies, which will lead to better jobs for more people.

After extensive statistical analysis by the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, the communities, identified as the most in need are: Albany Park, Auburn Gresham*, Austin*, Brighton Park*, Cicero, East Garfield Park*, Englewood*, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Humboldt Park*, Logan Square, Maywood North Lawndale, Pilsen-Little Village*, Rogers Park, Roseland*, South Shore*, West Chicago (Gage Park, Chicago Lawn)*, West Garfield Park, Woodlawn. Note: * denotes Safety Net Works Community.

Youth Engagement:

The following would be implemented in each community by a strong lead community organization in collaboration with partner organizations with expertise in program components. Estimates suggest that as many as **18,000 youth** will be positively affected by the implementation of these programs

1. **"Mentoring Plus Jobs**" provides 80 youth in each community with part-time jobs, mentoring and social/emotional skills and support.

2. **The Parent Leadership program** provides 50 parents in each community with leadership, empowerment and self-care skills that enable them to be community leaders, educators and mentors for other parents

3. **School based counseling** will provide funds for K-12 schools in each community to contract with providers or hire their own clinical staff to provide early intervention and trauma-informed counseling services for students.

Adult/Small Business Job Training

1. **Training for Tomorrow Program**

Funding will be provided to non-profit, community based organizations that provide job training services. The funding will be used to establish partnerships with economic development organizations to identify local industries having difficulty recruiting skilled, entry level workers. Job training services will be provided either directly or through a formal agreement with a certified training provider. Partnerships will be formed with local employers to design and deliver training programs for disadvantaged persons, including welfare recipients

2. **Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) Small Contractor Training Program (180 – 200 Companies)**
   The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are providing a 2-year, $1.5 million grant to HACIA to provide training to assist small contractors interested in doing business with the public sector. Skills training will include small business management, public sector proposal creation and bidding, construction best practices, OSHA safety requirements and safety practices, technology applications for small construction firms, and green construction. The training will take place at St. Augustine College on the west and north sid**e,** and will start training the first group of businesses in mid-September**.**

3. **Black Small Business/Contractor Training**
   In development – similar to HACIA program, partnering with south side institution and business development groups in the community.

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Small Business Funding:

DCEO is partnering with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) with strong small business lending backgrounds to launch the **Community Business Fund** (CBF) to provide critical micro-financing to help small businesses expand and create jobs. **Chicago Community Ventures (CCV) and ACCION** will support businesses in these communities. The **Women's Business Development Center** will also be a partner in this program.

Some of the funding for the Community Business Fund program comes from federal "IKE" disaster recovery funds. "IKE" will provide federal disaster funds to help 41 Illinois counties that were declared eligible as a result of widespread flooding in 2008. The IKE "Community Stabilization Program" supports projects like the CBF, which can achieve significant economic and community stabilization and revitalization.

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