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We still have 1 outstanding issue.

Governor Quinn's $50 Million Neighborhood Recovery Initiative

Governor Quinn's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative is a comprehensive effort to strengthen and revitalize our most vulnerable urban communities. It will focus on keeping our young people safe, off the streets and in school. The Governor believes the best way to combat violence is through employment, 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 more hope and better opportunities.

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Youth Engagement

An estimated **18,000 youth** will be touched by the following programs, which will be implemented in each community by a strong lead community organization in collaboration with other partners:

- **"Mentoring Plus Jobs**" provides youths in each community with part-time jobs, mentoring and social/emotional skills and support.
- **The Parent Leadership program** provides parents in each community with leadership, empowerment and self-care skills that enable them to be community leaders, educators and mentors for other parents
- **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

Training for Tomorrow Program

Funding is available for non-profit, community-based organizations that provide job training services to establish partnerships with economic development organizations and identify local industries having difficulty recruiting skilled, entry level workers. Partnerships will be formed with local employers to design and deliver training programs for unemployed disadvantaged people to learn the skills necessary to build better lives. This program will train and place more than **1,700 people** into jobs over two years.

DBE Contractor Training and Development Program

The Illinois Departments of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and Transportation (IDOT) are partnering with regional business organizations to establish a new program for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) to help small contractors participate in state construction projects and other business opportunities with the public sector. Working together with the Chicago Urban League & Malcolm X College (tentative), Coalition for United Community Action & Kennedy-King College, (tentative) and the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association, training programs

will increase the number of certified DBE firms and develop skills training modules in construction management, green technology and industry best practices. It's estimated xx of companies will participate in this program.

Small Business Funding

DCEO is partnering with financial institutions with strong small business lending backgrounds to launch the **Community Business Fund** (CBF) to provide critical micro- and small business financing to help create new jobs. **ACCION Chicago, Chicago Community Ventures (CCV) and the Women's Business Development Center** will invest in businesses throughout these communities. It's estimated more than **300 loans** will be made and more than **800 jobs** will be created or retained over the next two years. Some of the funding for the CBF program comes from federal "IKE" disaster recovery funds, which supports projects that can achieve significant economic and community stabilization and revitalization.

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.

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