

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS the City of Evanston recently passed a reparations initiative to redress the harm caused to African-American residents due to discriminatory housing policies and practices and inaction on the part of that city from 1919-1969; and

WHEREAS, although the City of Chicago has launched a guaranteed basic income pilot program providing 5,000 Chicago households with \$500 a month, this city has yet to launch a reparations initiative that specifically redresses the plight of residents who are the descendants of African slaves; and

WHEREAS it behooves this legislative body to append the guaranteed basic income pilot program to provide for a Reparative Basic Income pilot for an additional 1,000 recipients who are between the ages of age 17-29 with a basic income of \$700 per month for one year provided they are engaged in a reparative/remedial program that will increase their skills for social, economic and community development; and

WHEREAS such remedial programs shall include full enrollment in one or more of the following programs for the entire length of the pilot period: 1) parenting, 2) life skills, 3) anger management, 4) trauma, 5) classes toward acquiring a GED, 6) workforce development, 7) community college, or 8) vocational classes; and

WHEREAS it is the finding of this legislative body that such a Reparative Basic Income program will be a counter to the increased violence in Black communities, redress the generational harm to this community that has many young people locked out of the formal economy and locked into a violent informal economy as well as equip youth and young adults with the necessary skills and resources to take advantage of the upcoming career opportunities generated by infrastructure investment and workforce demands; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

- SECTION 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this ordinance and are adopted as the findings of the City of Chicago City Council.
- SECTION 2.** A fund is hereby established titled Reparative Basic Income Pilot Program and appended to the Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot Program.
- SECTION 3.** This fund shall provide for a Reparative Basic Income grant to 1,000 recipients who are between the ages of age 17-29 with a basic guaranteed income of \$700 per month for the duration of one year provided they are engaged in a prescribed reparative/remedial program that will increase their skills for social, economic and community development.
- SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take full effect upon its passage and publication.

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