

The Welcoming City

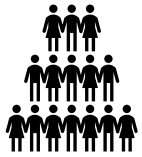


**Community Briefing
December 13, 2023**



1. **Advocate** for immigrant, migrant and refugee rights
2. Provide **strategic leadership and operations guidance** for the asylum seeker response effort
3. Operationalize the **Welcoming City Ordinance** across city departments and agencies
4. Promote **long-term integration** of immigrants, migrants, and refugees into the life of Chicago through multi-sector partnerships and coalitions
5. Share **resources and accurate information** about immigration policy and immigrant integration





Over **25,700** new arrivals since August 2022
• Chartered Buses • Flights • Independent Travel



598 buses have arrived since August 2022
488 buses since May 12, 2023



30 shelters have been utilized within City network
• 27 in current operation across 21 Wards





13,777 current shelter residents

575 awaiting shelter at police stations and shelters

- 354 at CPD police stations
- 221 at O'Hare



- **38** buses arrived to Chicago in the last 7 days
- **1,586** people arrived to Chicago in the last 7 days
- **9** more buses than last week
- **7** buses expected on Wednesday, Dec. 13
- Impounding amendment in City Council



- **93** buses in violation of ordinance since November 18
 - Up from 56 bus violations last week



Placed in shelter this week

630

people exiting our system in the last 7 days



1,396



In comparison to last week, December 5th:

- 1,662 placed in shelter
- 796 exited shelter system

Catholic Charities Weekly Resettlement

- Move Outs = 130 households (414 individuals)
- New leases signed = 240
- Outmigration cases = 160



Retired police

stations: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9,
10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17,
18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25

Total: 17



Open police

stations: 1, 6, 7, 12

Total: 4



- **Bed availability increasing at shelter:**
 - People exiting the shelter via resettlement, outmigration, or on their own
- **Expansion at existing shelters**
- **Collaboration with faith based institutions**
 - Unity Emergency Housing
- **22nd Ward - Litte Village**
 - 230 families expected at this shelter for 6 months
- **Brick and mortar shelter**
 - Multiple locations under assessment

- **New arrivals who entered shelter in 2022** received a 60-day notice beginning 11/17/2023. There are approximately 30 people in this group.
- **New arrivals who entered shelter between 1/1/2023 - 7/31/2023** received their 60-day notices on 12/4/2023. There are approximately 1,767 people currently in shelter who arrived in this time frame.
 - **1,767 (100% of all arrivals in this group)** have officially received their notice.
- **New arrivals who entered shelter between 8/1/2023 - 11/16/2023** will begin receiving 60-day notices on 2/1/2024.

- **Shelter Operations RFP**

- The RFP closed on Friday, October 6th.
- RFP evaluation is complete – Award letters expected in a few weeks.

- **Meals RFP**

- 20 proposals received December 1st
- Two awards - North and South Region
- Timeline
 - December 13: Complete initial RFP review
 - December 19 – December 29: Oral presentations
 - Week of January 8, 2024: Award recommendations

Federal Coordination

- Working group with FEMA, county, and state agencies to support city response.
 - Bus drop-off outside of Chicago
 - Support from CDC: Awarded Chicago \$450,000 in operation and \$250,000 for vaccine (2,100 doses)
- Ongoing TPS workshops at city-run shelters
 - State exploring expansion outside of shelter system
 - 12/11 - 12/15 pre-workshop preparation with shelter residents for Sprint 2 next week.
 - 20-30 days for approvals
 - 12/7 750 EAD via paroled completed and 283 TPS.

- **Donate or Volunteer**

- With mutual aid groups helping at police districts
- Amazon Wish List: [**chicago.gov/support**](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
- Winter items (new preferred) dropped off at **4401 W. Ogden** (Mon-Friday, 8AM-5PM)
- Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)
- In the works: Formalize donations process with Highland Park and neighboring suburbs.



- **Recommend Sites for Shelters or Apartments**
 - Suggest potential shelters or rental units
 - <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>
- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action





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