

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO SUBSCRIPTION  
BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO NFP  
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
DISTRICT WIDE**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel of the legal form of such agreement, to authorize an agreement with Block Club Chicago NFP for student subscriptions for the period from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, or one year after the execution of the contract, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000 for the term of the agreement.

**VENDOR:** Block Club Chicago NFP  
333 N Michigan Ave, Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60601

**USERS:** Districtwide

**TERM:**

The term of this agreement shall commence no sooner than October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, or one year after the execution of the contract.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

City Colleges of Chicago will give all active Credit students the opportunity to receive a free one-year subscription to Block Club Chicago NFP. CCC will pay an annual fee to allow students to receive the subscription. Block Club Chicago NFP will provide the following access in each subscription:

- Unrestricted access to all Block Club Chicago NFP reporting, including breaking news, investigations, neighborhood profiles, arts and culture, political coverage, and more.
- Access to all 13 neighborhood newsletters, sent twice a week, written by the Block Club reporter embedded in that community.
- Special virtual and in-person events with Block Club staff, reporters, fellow readers, and community members.
- Citywide Morning Newsletter: A daily digest of the top news from across all of Chicago's neighborhoods, delivered every morning.
- Topical newsletters: Unlimited access to our biweekly Arts & Culture newsletter, Block Club Eats, our food and dining digest, and Proud City, our LGBTQIA+ features newsletter. Subscriber Exclusive Newsletter: A quarterly behind-the-scenes newsletter with special content including insights from the reporters behind our biggest investigations, subscriber-only programming, giveaways, and community impact stories.

In addition, Block Club Chicago NFP will provide:

- A dedicated City Colleges of Chicago page on Block Club's website where students activate their subscriptions, featuring curated Block Club coverage of City Colleges and other relevant resources.
- New CCC sign-ups receive a welcome email from the Block Club reporter covering their neighborhood, plus an introduction to Block Club and a guide to accessing their subscription benefits

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

This agreement benefits City Colleges of Chicago students by providing access to timely, local news and neighborhood-based information that supports community connection and engagement with the city of Chicago. Through the student subscription, active credit students will receive unrestricted access to Block Club Chicago NFP reporting, neighborhood newsletters, citywide news digests, topical newsletters, and special virtual and in-person events. The dedicated City Colleges of Chicago page on the Block Club Chicago website will also provide students with a centralized location to activate their subscriptions and access curated coverage of City Colleges, CCC information, and other relevant resources. This service expands access to local news and community resources for students across all colleges, helping them stay informed about issues, events, and opportunities in the neighborhoods where they live, work, and study.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

In accordance with the sole source policy and procedures, this purchase is exempt from the district's competitive bidding process.

**MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plan and recommends a full waiver of the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan due to the nature of the agreement (periodical subscription) and the absence of subcontracting opportunities.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – It shall be the duty of each party to the agreement to cooperate with the Inspector General for City Colleges of Chicago in any investigation conducted pursuant to the Inspector General's authority under Article 2, Section 2.7.4(b) of the Board Bylaws.

Ethics – It shall be the duty of each party to the agreement to comply with the applicable provisions of the Board's Ethics Policy adopted January 7, 1993, and as amended by the Board.

Contingent Liability – Pursuant to Section 7-14 of the Illinois Public Community College Act, all agreements authorized herein shall contain a clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL**

**Total:** \$50,000

**Charge to:** The Office of Academic Affairs

**Source of Funds:** Education Fund

**Budget Line:** 540000-00003-0000141-80000

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Juan Salgado**  
**Chancellor**

**October 1, 2026 – The Office of Academic Affairs-District Wide**