



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, July 30, 2020, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

[20-3475](#)

**Presented by:** FRITZ KAEGI, Cook County Assessor

**PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

**Department(s):** Cook County Assessor's Office

**Other Part(ies):** University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to renew interagency agreement

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Applied Data Fellowship Agreement

**Agreement period:** Effective upon Board of Commissioner's approval

**Fiscal Impact:** FY2020 \$30,000.00; FY2021 \$30,000.00

**Accounts:** 11000.1040.10155.520840.00000.00000

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Summary:** The Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO) seeks to renew a memorandum of understanding with the University of Chicago for the provision of a data science fellow to work a one-year fellowship with the office. This is an extension of University of Chicago's Applied Data Fellowship currently in place in the Office of the President and the Cook County Sheriff's Department and a continued fellowship with the Cook County Assessor's Office.

As the CCAO becomes more data driven in its approach to producing fair, equitable and transparent assessments, data science is leading the way in how we craft models and assessment policy. Under the new Assessor, Fritz Kaegi, the CCAO has developed a new Data Science department, under the leadership of Chief Data Officer, Rob Ross. Chief among the goals of this new department is to make assessment valuations more predictable and certain by modeling the considerations that go into valuing real property.

University of Chicago will continue to supply a recent graduate of their graduate school who is an expert in the area of data science to work on projects with our Chief Data Officer and data team that will continue the work of modeling fair and equitable assessments. The County has seen great results in developing data driven policies with the assistance of fellows hired under the Applied Data Fellows program. We believe that the Assessor's office will continue to greatly benefit from the assistance of a data fellow.

As you will see, the annual cost of this partnership with University of Chicago will cost \$60,000.

However, the cost will be split between two fiscal years: FY2020 and FY2021