



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERTGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department(s): Office of the Chief Judge

Other Part(ies): Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Approval of intergovernmental agreement

Good(s) or Service(s): Housing Counseling services for the Circuit Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Agreement period: 12/1/2013 - 11/30/2016.

Fiscal Impact: \$4,399,731.00

Accounts: 310-260

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Summary: Under this intergovernmental agreement, the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) will operate a toll-free housing counseling helpline service and manage and administer housing counseling services as a part of the Circuit Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. IHDA's helpline provides critical information to families facing foreclosure, assigns families to a HUD-certified housing counseling agency, and schedules housing counseling workshops and appointments for families. Housing counseling services are provided county-wide by IHDA's 12 HUD-certified subcontractors which were selected after a rigorous application process. Services provided by the subcontractors include: housing counseling workshops; one-on-one housing counseling with families; assistance with applying for loan modifications; and identifying other options to avoid foreclosure whenever possible. As of 9/30/2013, IHDA's subcontractors assisted more than 130,000 families through the helpline, provided over 30,000 families with free one-on-one initial housing counseling sessions, and conducted more than 200 housing counseling workshops throughout Cook County at which almost 6,000 families received assistance. Each family receives an average of four, one-on-one counseling sessions.

The Illinois Housing Development Authority was originally selected to manage the program's hotline and counseling services with the initiation of the Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program in March 2010. A request for proposal (RFP) was completed for these services earlier this year; IHDA provided the only proposal to the programs' hotline and counseling services components.