



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Bureau of Economic Development

**Grantee:** Bureau of Economic Development

**Grantor:** State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** To develop and strengthen the knowledge, skills, abilities, processes, and resources that businesses, educational institutions, local workforce areas, and community partners need to create new or-expand existing registered apprenticeship programs. Cook County Bureau of Economic Development will serve as a Navigator for the Economic Development Region 4 (10 counties of northeastern, Illinois)

**Grant Amount:** \$154,462

**Grant Period:** 7/1/2020 - 12/31/2021

**Fiscal Impact:** "None"

**Accounts:** The account string where cash match requirement, if applicable, is funded, in following format: Fund.Office.Object Account, Object Account Description.

**Concurrences:**

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** As part the State of Illinois Apprenticeship Expansion Program, the Bureau of Economic Development will build on its extensive networks and partner with local organizations to leverage their networks and educate more employers about the effectiveness of apprenticeships to attract, retain and retrain employees.

Cook County Bureau of Economic Development will work with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance, OAI, German American Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center, Manufacturing Renaissance and Manufacturing x Digital to connect with businesses about apprenticeships.

As part of this program, Cook County has prioritized some of the region's strongest sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, distribution and logistics (TD&L) and information technology, with an interest in connecting these employment opportunities to residents throughout the region.