



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 19-4438, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Circuit Court of Cook County, Adult Probation Department

Vendor: WestCare Illinois, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Services

Contract Value: \$1,556,324.00, paid with probation fees collected from probationers

Contract period: 8/1/2019 - 7/31/2022, with two (2) one-year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:

FY 2019 \$172,925.00;

FY 2020 \$518,775.00;

FY 2021 \$518,775.00;

FY 2022 \$345,849.00.

Accounts: 11326.1310.520835 - Special Revenue Fund Professional Services

Contract Number(s): 1853-17658

Concurrences:

The contract-specific goal set on this contract was zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: The Adult Probation Department is requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute a contract with WestCare Illinois, Inc. This contract with WestCare, Illinois, Inc. a community behavioral health provider, will provide evidence based cognitive behavioral treatment to reduce pretrial arrest and recidivism among pretrial defendants. This program focuses on assisting pretrial defendants in altering their pro-criminal, antisocial thinking patterns, so that they embrace a prosocial, anti-criminal lifestyle and thinking pattern.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy has been shown to be effective with juvenile and adult offenders; substance misusing and violent offenders; and probationers, prisoners and parolees. It addresses a host of problems associated with criminal behavior. Participants are able to improve their social skills, problem solving, critical reasoning, moral reasoning, cognitive style, self-control, impulse management and self-efficacy. Studies have shown that broad-based approaches to behavioral health have the highest rates of success in preventing relapse and recidivism. The program will be designed to facilitate success in community living by offering a holistic program of services to include linkages to needed services based on intake assessments and counselor referrals.

This contract was awarded through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process in accordance with Cook County Procurement

Code. WestCare was selected based on established evaluation criteria.