



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge

Grantee: Circuit Court of Cook County

Grantor: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: This Safety+Justice Challenge Program Grant will fund a set of strategies to reduce the number of low level non-violent detainees in the Cook County Department of Corrections, and reduce racial and ethnic disparities, while maintaining public safety.

Grant Amount: \$1,850,000.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2017-9/30/2019

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: NA

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The Circuit Court of Cook County and its partners will use the Safety and Justice Challenge funds over a two-year period to catalyze ongoing collaborative reform efforts to reduce the number of low level non-violent detainees in the Cook County Department of Corrections, and reduce racial and ethnic disparities, while maintaining public safety. Cook County was one of eight jurisdictions nationwide selected by the foundation to receive funding to reduce over-incarceration and change the way America uses its jails. Partners in the effort include the Office of the Chief Judge, the Justice Advisory Council, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County Health & Hospitals System.

The grant will fund project management, research and data analysis, and a community engagement strategy, as well as a pilot program to divert non-violent, medium risk defendants with behavioral health needs away from the Department of Corrections and into treatment.