



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

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

Grantee: Office of the Chief Judge

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The purpose of the grant program is to provide specialized services to women with children seeking protection in Domestic Violence Division cases

Grant Amount: \$166,666.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017

Fiscal Impact: \$3,716.00 supplemental funds

Accounts: 310-818

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 will use this grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice to continue the court's enhanced case triage screening and advocacy services now provided to women with children involved in orders of protection in the Domestic Violence Division. These services enhance the identification of victims who need legal and supportive services, link them to such services and expedite the legal process in court. These help-desk and expeditor services are now provided by the court with funds from another Federal grant award, which is scheduled to expire in December 2016.

Grant funds will be used to fund the salaries and fringe benefits of two program employees, as well as to provide funds for community-based, child visitation and safe exchange services for families impacted by domestic violence.