



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA)

Request: Approval of a HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant award recommendation in the amount of \$70,000.00 to CAFHA for the provision of fair housing professional services.

Good(s) or Service(s): Fair housing professional services.

Total Development Cost: N/A (not a development project)

Project Amount: \$70,000.00

Fiscal Impact: None. (Grant funded)

Account(s): 772-298

Summary: As an ongoing recipient of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Cook County is required to affirmatively further fair housing. Moreover, the County is required to actively engage with local fair housing stakeholders such as CAFHA in the development and implementation of related analyses and strategy plans. In accordance with HUD requirements, Cook County prepared an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AIFH) in 2012 which included an assessment of barriers to fair housing choice. HUD requires that Cook County take proactive documented measures to address said impediments in order to fulfill its Federal fair housing commitments. CAFHA will provide a variety of related fair housing professional services to ensure continued HUD compliance. We respectfully request approval of this grant award, and that the Bureau Chief of Economic Development or his/her designee be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Cook, any and all documents necessary to further the project approved herein, including, but not limited to, funding agreements, intergovernmental agreements, amendments, and modifications thereto. The approval of this project by the Honorable Body will permit staff to issue necessary commitments to allow this initiative to move forward.