



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Cook County Justice Advisory Council

Vendor: Safer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Justice Advisory Council to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): COVID-19 Emergency Related Recidivism Reduction Services for Persons Returning from Jails

Contract Value: \$200,000.00

Contract period: 8/1/2020 - 7/31/2021

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2020 \$66,667.67, FY 2021 \$133,333.33

Accounts: 11900 1205 520840

Contract Number(s): 1205-2016

Concurrences:

N/A

Summary: The JAC respectfully requests authority to enter into this contract to be made pursuant to RFQ 1753-17842 on August 2019 for services to persons returning from prisons and jails. Safer Foundation has successfully delivered such services for the County. Upon the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, a set of individuals in our community has been identified with significantly higher rates of justice system involvement, many of whom have unmet behavioral health and additional support needs.

The needs of these individuals are more critical during the current COVID-19 emergency, where high repeat system-use exacerbates public health concerns both inside and outside custodial facilities. To address this urgent concern, Safer Foundation would provide an effective mechanism to engage these individuals in appropriate services that will meet their needs and decrease justice system involvement. These services would be delivered to approximately forty (40) individuals between 8/1/2020 and 7/31/2021.

These services would be funded by an existing grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.