



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: Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice

Request: requesting authorization to accept a grant award in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the FY2013 Enhanced Cook County Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program.

Purpose: The grant will provide for integrated services as follows: housing services, job training and placements, and other community-based continuing care and recovery support.

Grant Amount: \$200,000.00

Grant Period: 10/1/13 - 9/30/15

Fiscal Impact: \$142,698.00 In-Kind matching contribution

Accounts: 310-110

Concurrences:

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any

Summary: This is a new two-year implementation grant. The grant will enhance professional recovery support services and specialty court operations for participants in the Circuit Court of Cook County's Adult Drug Court Treatment Program. The grant will also be used for travel and training. The services will target male and female drug court participants charged with non-violent, drug related felony offenses, who would otherwise be sentenced to prison. No cash match is required from Cook County; however, the Circuit Court has pledged support in the form of employee time contributions.

The Circuit Court has a countywide network of 19 specialty/treatment courts that includes Drug Treatment Courts, Mental Health Treatment Courts, Veterans' Treatment Courts, and a specialty court for women charged with felony prostitution offenses. The Drug Court Treatment Program was established in 1998 to assist nonviolent substance abusing offenders in their recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction. The underlying goal of the program is to help offenders readjust to the community through jail-based and other comprehensive substance abuse services, increased judicial contact, increased supervision, and the continuation of post-release treatment and counseling.