



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

**Department:** Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS)

**Other Part(ies):** Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), City of Harvey (City), Thornton Township School District 205 (District)

**Request:** Board of Commissioners ratification of an Intergovernmental Agreement executed by department's Executive Director regarding a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) in the City of Harvey, Illinois

**Goods or Services:** Small canopies used to aid social distancing, sign language interpreter, portable toilets, food for staff/volunteers

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** One-time agreement for the period of 8/24/2020 - 8/27/2020

**Fiscal Impact:** \$5,000.47

**Accounts:** 11100.1265.10155.530010 (\$300.13 - food), 11100.1265.20192.520830 (\$2,170.00 - portable toilets), 11100.1265.20192.530188 (\$842.34 - small canopies), 11100.1265.33905.520830 (\$1,148.00 - sign language interpreter)

**Summary:** City of Harvey (City) residents and businesses experienced severe damage and extended power outages from the derecho storm system that swept across the northern half of the State of Illinois on August 10, 2020. In response to this incident, EMRS, IEMA, City and the District collaborated to establish the MARC. This two-day event at Thornton Township High School was organized in direct response to a formal request from the City and was driven by a concern that City residents could not access necessary governmental services during the prolonged period of power outage (upwards of 7 days). Ultimately, the MARC was designed to provide residents access to State and local governmental entities, agencies and organizations to assist the affected residents and businesses in and around the City. To ensure the safety of the participating agency representatives, volunteers and the public, EMRS partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to incorporate public health safety protocols and guidelines in planning for and implementing the MARC.

The Intergovernmental Agreement presented for ratification was entered into on 8/23/2020 between EMRS, IEMA, the City and the District and served to secure the location for the MARC. Due to the urgency of the situation - namely ongoing storm response/recovery efforts and a desire to connect residents with governmental services during the early stages of recovery following the August storms - the County had to enter into the agreement before Board approval. The IGA describes each party's responsibilities and associated terms and conditions regarding the establishment of the MARC.

The MARC ultimately provided in-person services to 331 people with contacts made to additional residents who were advised of the services being provided and could, ultimately, access them remotely. The services offered were provided by 10 agencies totaling 80 service hours. The participating agencies were the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Department of Aging, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Development, Illinois Department of Insurance,

Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, Cook County Treasurer and Thornton Township. In addition to the agency participation, 46 volunteers staffed the event, 18 of which were Community Emergency Response Team volunteers. The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA) also participated by performing Census outreach.