



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Environmental Control

Grantee: Department of Environmental Control

Grantor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: This project provides funding for Cook County, Illinois Coalition to inventory, characterize, assess, conduct cleanup planning, and community involvement related activities for brownfields sites in Cook County, Illinois area. This agreement is a community-wide Brownfields Coalition Assessment Cooperative Agreement for hazardous substances and petroleum sites.

Grant Amount: \$600,000.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2017

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Concurrences:

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

Summary: Cook County, in along with seven municipal partners (Bellwood, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Melrose Park, Maywood, Northlake, and Schiller Park) will assist in the environmental assessment and eventual redevelopment of potentially contaminated properties within the coalition area. The Center for Neighborhood Technology identified at least 87 vacant, abandoned or underused sites in these seven communities. The EPA grant will help fund an environmental assessment of these sites, focusing on contamination stemming from bulk petroleum storage and other hazardous materials. The funding is distributed through the EPA Brownfields Program, which cleans up and reinvests in sites that are contaminated-or perceived to be so-and have limited redevelopment potential because of potential liability.