



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL

Department: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantee: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantor: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Request: Authorization to renew grant

Purpose: The grant will provide funding for a total of 13 victim specialists including two (2) Juvenile Court Specialists who are dedicated to serving victims of juvenile offenders, one (1) TAC Specialist who provides direct services to victims of high-risk domestic violence, seven (7) Victim Generalists who provide services to victims of all types of felony crimes, one (1) Polish-Speaking Specialist and two (2) Spanish-Speaking Specialists who provide services to non-English speaking victims.

Grant Amount: \$742,227.00

Grant Period: 12/1/2014 - 11/30/2015

Fiscal Impact: \$239,792.00 (Required Match: \$185,557.00; and Over Match: \$54,235.00)

Accounts: 250-818

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: 4/9/2014

Most Recent Grant Amount: \$742,227.00

Concurrences:

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

Summary: These grant funds enable the State's Attorney's Office to continue to provide direct services, support, and assistance to various sub-populations of crime victims through the dedication of one Polish-Speaking Specialist and two Spanish-Speaking Specialists who provide services to non-English speaking victims, one Target Abuser Call (TAC) Specialist who provides direct services to victims of high-risk domestic violence cases and two Juvenile Court Specialists who provide direct assistance to victims of juvenile offenders. In addition, the Office is able to dedicate seven Victim Generalists who are trained to provide services to victims of all types of felony crimes. Examples of direct services provided by these grant-funded victim assistants include crisis counseling, follow-up contact, interpretive services, personal advocacy, criminal justice support and advocacy, assistance with filing compensation claims and information

and referrals to outside agencies.