



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Environmental Control

Grantee: Cook County Government

Grantor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region V

Request: Authorization to accept a supplemental grant

Purpose: The grant funds the following activities:

- (1) Ambient air quality monitoring;
- (2) Inspection of pollution sources for violations of state and federal environmental laws;
- (3) Investigation of citizen complaints;
- (4) Inspection and regulation of gas stations, dry cleaners and other facilities; and
- (5) Submission of quarterly reports to the Illinois EPA

Supplemental Grant Amount: \$532,064.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2012 - 9/30/2014

Extension Period: N/A

Fiscal Impact: \$246,537.06 (in-kind personnel match)

Accounts: 161-909

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 9/11/2013

Previous Grant Amount: \$585,247.00

Concurrences:

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

Summary: This item asks for approval to renew the Department's annual Fund 909 grant from the USEPA's Section 105 program. This grant funds the ambient air quality monitoring done at our Maywood lab, the inspection of pollution sources for violations of state and federal environmental laws, investigation of citizen complaints, inspection and regulation of gas stations, dry cleaners and other facilities. This work is central to the Department's mission and is

reflected in a number of the Department's performance measures. Seven employees are funded as a part of this grant.

In the past the department has applied for and received this grant for a one year period. This however, has created difficulties with the cash flow cycle. Often, we have not received the grant award until late in the grant period. This has required the County to up-front the money for a longer period of time. In order to relieve this problem, under the advisement of the USEPA, the Department applied in FY12 for a 2 year grant.

The 2 year grant is administered differently. Instead of one award, we receive several throughout the 2 year period (amounts and schedule are dependent on the federal budget approval schedule). This board item is requesting approval in the amount of \$532,064.00. The total 2 year grant will be for \$1,230,212.00 for two years.

This grant requires a 40% match, \$246,537.06 on this award.