



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Cook County State's Attorney

Grantee: Cook County State's Attorney

Grantor: Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Provide personnel to handle the increase in cold case homicides where suspects are identified through DNA.

Grant Amount: \$470,239.00

Grant Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022

Fiscal Impact: \$111,829.00 (in-kind)

Accounts: Not applicable

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The overall strategy of the Cold Case DNA Program, implemented in Cook County, Illinois, is to provide personnel to handle the increase in cold case homicides where suspects are identified through DNA. The grant will fund one assistant state's attorney (ASA) dedicated to handling cold case homicides with suspects identified through DNA. This ASA will work on investigations and prosecutions of unsolved homicides that are at least three years old where a suspect has been identified with DNA evidence. There is a required 25% match for this award that will be filled by existing staff to assist with the program.