



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the Chief Judge

Vendor: The Chicago Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Legal Aid and Mediation Services for the Circuit Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program

Original Contract Period: 12/1/2013 - 11/30/2016

Proposed Contract Period Extension: N/A

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$4,801,901.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): 11/13/2013, \$4,700,666.52

Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s): None

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s): 11/22/2016, \$101,234.48, 12/1/2016 - 11/30/2017

This Increase Requested: \$340,177.00

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$340,177.00

Accounts: 310-260

Contract Number(s): 1323-12465A

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MBE/WBE waiver.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: This increase will allow the Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) to manage and administer Legal Aid and Mediation Services for the Circuit Court's Mortgage free Foreclosure Mediation Program for the Office of Chief Judge.

The services are provided by CBF's three (3) subcontractors: Chicago Legal Clinic (for pro bono legal aid); Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (for pro bono legal representation at mediation); and the Center for Conflict Resolution (for mediator services). As of December 31, 2016, CBF's subcontractors provided free legal advice to more than 134,000 families, and legal representation at mediation to more than 6,000 families. More than 8,000 mediation sessions have been conducted since the program began. The Chicago Bar Foundation was originally selected to manage the program's legal services with the initiation of the Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program in March 2010.

The increase is necessary for the remainder of the program year. Request for Proposals (RFPs) are in process for all program services.

This contract was awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. CBF was selected based established evaluation criteria.