



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL

Department: Public Defender

Grantee: Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Grantor: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Request: Authorization to renew grant

Purpose: Grants funds will be utilized to maintain two (2) full-time mitigators to work with attorneys throughout the PD Office, provide basic office supplies and travel reimbursement. The grant program will continue to generate mitigation reports depending on the type of cases and Court's expectations. Overall, the program will allow the Office to provide effective assistance of counsel for its indigent clients who are charged with crimes.

Grant Amount: \$136,642.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015

Fiscal Impact: \$45,547.00

Accounts: 499-818

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: 10/23/2013

Most Recent Grant Amount: \$136,642.00

Concurrences:

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

Summary: Mitigation Specialist Program will maintain two (2) full-time mitigators to work with attorneys throughout the PD Office and expansion of the mitigation internship program. At the direction of the defense lawyer, mitigators assist the Court in making a more informed sentencing decision. Presenting mitigation evidence and information can reduce the cost on the judicial system and explore alternatives to incarceration. Overall, the program will allow the Office to provide effective assistance of counsel for its indigent clients who are charged with crimes.