



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Cook County's State's Attorney's Office

**Grantee:** Cook County State's Attorney's Office

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Request:** Authorization to increase funding.

**Purpose:** Agencies may use funds only for law enforcement purposes, in alignment with grantor's guidelines.

**Supplemental Grant Amount:** \$289,328.00

**Grant Period:** 12/1/2023 - 11/30/2024

**Extension Period:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** 11900.1250.53583.xxxxx

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** 11/16/2023

**Previous Grant Amount:** \$2,558,699.00

**Concurrences:**

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents.

**Summary:** State and local law enforcement agencies receive equitable sharing funds by participating jointly with Department of Justice "DOJ" agencies on investigations that lead to the seizure and forfeiture of property. Once an investigation is completed and the seized assets are forfeited, the assisting state and local law enforcement agencies can request a share of the forfeited assets, or a percentage of the proceeds derived from the sale of forfeited assets. Generally, the degree of a state or local agency's direct participation in an investigation determines the amount or percentage of funds shared with the agency. To participate in the program, agencies sign and submit to the DOJ an equitable sharing agreement and certification form. The agreement must be renewed annually, and by signing and submitting the agreement, the officials of the participating agencies certify that they will use equitable sharing funds for law enforcement purposes, under the program's defined guidelines.