



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL

Department: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantee: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice

Request: Authorization to renew grant

Purpose: This award will allow funding for two full-time Assistant State's Attorneys and one full-time Postconviction DNA Specialist to review postconviction DNA cases.

Grant Amount: \$816,325.00

Grant Period: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2021

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: 10/24/2017

Most Recent Grant Amount: \$413,419

Concurrences:

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

Summary: Requesting authorization to accept a grant renewal in the amount of \$816,325 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for the Cook County State's Attorney Office's Postconviction DNA Program. This award will allow continued funding for one full-time Postconviction DNA Assistant State's Attorney (PDA), as well as fund one additional full-time PDA. The award will also allow funding to increase the one grant-funded part-time Postconviction DNA Specialist (PDS) to full-time. The grant-funded staff will be dedicated to work on DNA-related postconviction cases. The PDAs will review and investigate all DNA-related post-conviction cases. The PDS will provide onsite information regarding technical and non-technical DNA issues on a full-time basis in regards to postconviction cases. There is not a match requirement for this funding.