



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Real Estate Management

**Request:** Request to Enter Lease Agreement

**Landlord:** Westside Health Authority

**Tenant:** Cook County, for use by the Public Defender's Office

**Location:** 5500 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60644

**Term/Extension Period:** 3/1/2024 -12/31/2026

**Space Occupied:** 2,520 square feet

**Monthly Rent:** \$6,405.00

**Fiscal Impact:** \$140,910.00

**Accounts:** 11286.1260.62742.550130.00000.00000

**Option to Renew:** Option to renew for three (3) additional three (3) year terms.

**Termination:** Provide details of lease termination

**Utilities Included:** Yes

**Summary/Notes:** Requesting approval to enter into a lease agreement between Westside Health Authority, as (Landlord) and Cook County, a body corporate and politic (Tenant), for use by the Public Defender's Office, to lease approximately 2,520 rentable square feet of office space, on the second floor, in the building located at 5500 W. Madison Street, Chicago, IL. 60644, for the purpose of establishing a Freedom Defense Center.

The Freedom Defense Center of Austin fosters accountability and trust between the Public Defender's Office and the community it serves. The center is rooted in partnership, standing with the Austin community to reduce the impact of the carceral system and to fight for justice. It works to change the narrative around harm and safety, by honoring community members' experiences and prioritizing autonomy.