



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge

Grantee: Circuit Court of Cook County

Grantor: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The Circuit Court Criminal Division's Adult Redeploy Illinois, Access to Community Treatment (ACT) Court seeks to help certain low-level criminal defendants suffering from substance abuse problems from becoming repeat offenders and being incarcerated. The ACT Court achieves this goal by linking participants with behavioral health, vocational, and educational treatment services from community-based sources.

Grant Amount: \$915,100.00

Grant Period: 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Concurrences:

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

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