



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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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 of Authority, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to renew a grant

Purpose: To continue the Mitigation Specialist Program by maintaining two (2) mitigators to work with attorneys throughout the Public Defender Office.

Grant Amount: \$136,642.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2013 - 9/30/2014

Fiscal Impact: \$45,547.00

Accounts: 499-818

Previous date of Board Authorization for Grant: 9/10/2012

Previous Grant Amount: \$159,929.00

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) mitigators to work with attorneys throughout the PD Office. The Mitigator Specialists will 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. 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.