



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

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

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: \$1,498,886.00

Grant Period: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

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.

Summary: This grant would continue funding from the State of Illinois Adult Redeploy Illinois Program, through the Criminal Justice Information Authority, for two of the Circuit Court of Cook County's newest specialty courts: the Access to Community Treatment Court (ACT) and the Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) HOPE Program.

The ACT Court is a drug court probation program that operates in the Circuit Court Criminal Division. Its goal is to help certain nonviolent, felony criminal offenders suffering from substance abuse problems from becoming repeat offenders and being incarcerated. The program links participants with behavioral health, vocational, and educational treatment services from community-based sources. The court closely monitors participants' compliance with program protocols and provides encouragement for success through a range of rewards and sanctions. Incarceration is used as a last resort and for short periods. The annual service goal for the ACT Court is 170 participants.

The Circuit Court's ARI HOPE Court is a structured probation program that operates in the Circuit Court's Municipal District One (City of Chicago). The ARI HOPE judge and team work to give offenders the support and services they need

to complete their probation sentence and move toward productive lives. Offenders who qualify are diverted from the Illinois Department of Corrections into the program which combines intensive probation supervision with cognitive behavioral therapy, trauma-based treatment, and substance abuse treatment. Additional community-based social services, such as housing and vocational services, are also offered as part of the program. The court closely monitors participants' compliance with program protocols provides encouragement for success through a range of rewards and sanctions. Incarceration is used as a last resort and for short periods. The annual service goal for the ARI-HOPE Court is 300 participants.

The grant will fund treatment and toxicology services not covered by Medicaid health insurance. Funds will also be used for court staff, professional services for project management, program evaluation, and equipment.