



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
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 Information Authority (ICJIA), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to renew grant

**Purpose:** To continue the Forensic DNA and Forensic Evidence Litigation Program for assistant public defenders to improve the ability to effectively investigate, analyze, and litigate cases involving DNA and forensic pattern evidence.

**Grant Amount:** \$39,140.00

**Grant Period:** 12/1/2014 - 9/30/2015

**Fiscal Impact:** \$13,047.00

**Accounts:** 499-818

**Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant:** 10/23/2013

**Most Recent Grant Amount:** \$39,140.00

**Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** The DNA and Forensic Evidence Litigation program provides specialized courses and training to attorneys in two kinds of forensic science: 1) quantitative aspects of DNA litigation and 2) forensic pattern evidence analysis. In addition, funds will be used to broaden the topics and attendance at the Public Defender DNA seminar for attorneys. Overall, the program will allow the Office to meet changing needs to effectively represent clients. The anticipated outcome of the program will be effective representation of the indigent accused of crimes in Cook County in cases involving complex forensic science.