



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Cook County Sheriff's Office

**Grantee:** Cook County Sheriff's Office

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** State and local law enforcement agencies receive equitable sharing funds by participating jointly with Department of Justice agencies on investigations that lead to the seizures and forfeiture of property. Once an investigation is completed and the seized assets are forfeited, the assisting state and local law enforcement agencies can request a share of the forfeited assets or a percentage of the proceeds derived from the sale of forfeited assets. Generally, the degree of a state or local agency's direct participation in an investigation determines the amount or percentage of funds shared with the agency. Before requesting a share of the seized assets, a state or local law enforcement agency must first become a member of the DOJ Equitable Sharing Program. To participate in the program, agencies sign and submit to DOJ an equitable sharing agreement and certification form. The agreement must be renewed annually, and by signing and submitting the agreement, the officials of participating agencies certify that they will use equitable sharing funds for law enforcement purposes.

**Grant Amount:** TBD

**Grant Period:** 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2022

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** TBD

**Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** The Cook County Sheriff's office has participated in this program since 1995. Attached are the Equitable Sharing guidelines. Equitably shared funds must be used in accordance with the Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and local Law Enforcement Agencies for law enforcement purposes that directly supplement the appropriated resources of the recipient law enforcement agency. Permissible uses of shared funds include support of investigations, law enforcement training and education, law enforcement awards and memorials, drug and gang education, and other awareness programs,

matching funds, transfers to other law enforcement agencies and support of community-based programs.