



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Office of the County Clerk

Grantee: Office of the County Clerk

Grantor: Illinois State Board of Elections

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to ensure that all polling places are made accessible to voters with disabilities.

Grant Amount: \$155,529.00

Grant Period: 5/1/2013 - 12/1/2014

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: The Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VAID) grant funds are used to make polling places, including the path of travel, entrances, exits and voting areas of each polling facility accessible to individuals with disabilities, including the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation as for other voters.

It also provides individuals with disabilities and other individuals with information about the accessibility of polling places, including outreach programs to inform the individuals about the availability of accessible polling places and training election authorities, election judges, poll worker, and other election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with disabilities in elections.