



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

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

**Grantee:** Office of the Chief Judge

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The grant funds mediation and conciliation services provided through the Access and Visitation Program of the Domestic Relations Division. This program is operated by the court's Family Mediation Services office under the auspices of the Office of the Chief Judge.

**Grant Amount:** \$94,705.00

**Grant Period:** 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

**Fiscal Impact:** \$41,588.00 (FY2014, \$17,330.00 and FY2015, \$24,258.00)

**Accounts:** 310-818

**Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** In situations where noncustodial parents were never married to custodial parents, a judge may determine it is in the best interest of the child to order the parties to participate in the program, which facilitates the noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children.