



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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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 a grant

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

Grant Amount: \$39,140.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2013 - 9/30/2014

Fiscal Impact: \$13,047.00

Accounts: 499-818

Previous date of Board Authorization for Grant: 2/27/2013

Previous Grant Amount: \$36,000.00

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The forensic DNA and Digital Evidence Litigation program provides specialized courses and training to attorneys in two kinds of forensic science: quantitative aspects of DNA litigation and digital evidence. 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.