



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantee: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Request: authorization to extend Grant

Purpose: Cook County State's Attorney's Target Abuser Call (TAC) Program. The extension will enable the Office to continue to spend the award amount as well continue to accomplish the program goals and objectives.

Supplemental Grant Amount: N/A

Grant Period: 10/1/11 - ~~9/30/13~~ 11/30/13 (extension period)

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Date of Board Authorization for Original Grant: 11/1/11

Original Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

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

Summary: The TAC Program, which began in 1997, is a prosecution-based program built on a foundation of victim safety and offender accountability. The TAC Program is a partnership between the State's Attorney's Office, the Social Service Department of the Office of the Chief Judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy ("Life Span") and the Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program of Hull House Association ("Hull House"). This grant provides funding for eight TAC Team members including one TAC assistant state's attorney, one State's Attorney TAC investigator, one TAC victim specialist from our Victim Witness Assistance Program, three court advocates from Hull House, one paralegal and one staff attorney from Life Span. Life Span took over the court advocate component in April 2013 after Hull House closed. Hull House and Life Span, our not-for-profit domestic violence partners on the TAC Program, are critical to the success of the TAC Program and complete TAC's approach of providing wraparound services to high-risk victims of domestic violence. The wraparound services provided through the TAC Program provide a better opportunity for victims to break the cycle of violence while ensuring victim cooperation, victim safety and offender accountability. This grant does not require a match contribution.