



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 13-1734, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Justice Advisory Council

Grantee: Justice Advisory Council

Grantor: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Request: Requesting approval to accept grant award

Purpose: This grant award will fund the Access to Community-based Treatment (ACT) program. The Access to Community-Based Treatment (ACT) Court is a problem-solving court that seeks to divert individuals with behavioral health needs from prison and jail into community-based services.

Grant Amount: \$786,819.00

Grant Period: 10/1/13 to 6/30/14

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 ACT Court will divert certain eligible high-risk offenders with behavioral health needs from prison and jail into community-based services. Eligible participants must be nonviolent offenders who would otherwise be facing a prison sentence as a result of new arrests for certain felony possession of controlled substance offenses or retail theft offenses. Offenders who volunteer for the program will be required to complete 18 months of intensive court-supervised, community-based treatment and community services. It is anticipated that more than 200 offenders will participate in the program in its first year of operation. Program funds will be used for staff and fringe benefits, professional recovery support services, travel, training, and reimbursement of Cook County's indirect program costs. No cash match is required.

The ACT Court would join the court's current highly successful Adult Redeploy Illinois court now operating in Municipal District One (Chicago). That court is also funded by ICJIA grants and provides services to adult probationers with new noncompliant behaviors.