



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development

Grantee: Cook County

Grantor: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Request: Authorization to increase the CDBG Disaster Grant that was originally awarded on 12/23/2013 and accepted by the Board

Purpose: Disaster Relief from flooding in April/May, 2013

Supplemental Grant Amount: \$54,900,000.00

Grant Period: 12/23/2013 - 9/30/2019

Extension Period: 12/23/2013 - 9/30/2019

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 3/12/2014

Previous Grant Amount: \$13,900,000.00

Concurrences:

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

Summary: Transmitted herewith is a request for the approval to accept a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds in response to disasters occurring in 2013, authorized under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013. The purpose of the CDBG-DR program is to assist targeted areas that have been affected by a natural disaster (in this case, severe storms and flooding during the period of 4/16/2013 to 5/5/2013). The program will provide necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (Stafford Act). Cook County was initially allocated \$13.9 million, which was accepted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 3/12/2014. Subsequent to the initial allocation, Cook County was

awarded an additional \$54.9 million, bringing the total grant amount to \$68.8 million. The Cook County Department of Planning and Development met with or consulted studies done by the Cook County Departments of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Environmental Control, and Transportation and Highways, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Illinois and Federal Emergency Management Agencies (IEMA and FEMA, respectively), the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as municipal and township leaders to discuss areas that were most affected by the 2013 disaster and important projects that need to be done.

The Department of Planning and Development desires to fund projects that strategically assist with the recovery efforts and support other investments which are occurring in the area. Cook County plans to enter into CDBG-DR agreements with municipalities, townships, for-profit and non-profit entities to implement CDBG-DR activities or to directly implement activities.

Approval of the additional grant is being respectfully requested and that the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or his designee be authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Cook, any and all documents necessary to facilitate administration of the program approved here in, including but not limited to the CDBG-DR grant agreement and any modifications thereto. The approval of this of the Program by this Honorable Body will permit the CDBG-DR program to continue its forward progress.