



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

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

**Grantee:** Circuit Court of Cook County

**Grantor:** Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

**Request:** Authorization to extend and increase

**Purpose:** The grant is available under a federal Recovery Justice Assistance program designed to assist and protect victims of domestic violence. Since the initiation of the program in 2010, the grant has helped fund the victim assistance program in the court's Domestic Violence Division. Under the program, staff members coordinate the delivery services to thousands of domestic violence litigants, including legal advice, direct representation in court or referrals to supportive services, all at no cost. Staff members have also engaged more than 100 court and community stakeholders to improve victim access to legal remedies and to ensure compliance with court orders. Program funds are used for staff salaries, as well as for related travel and training.

**Supplemental Grant Amount:** \$99,822.00

**Grant Period:**

**Extension Period:** 10/1/2013 - 4/30/2014

**Fiscal Impact:** \$33,274.00 match requirement.

**Accounts:** 310-818

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** The authorization to accept the original grant was given on 4/20/2010, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$500,000.00. On 3/1/2012, the County Board approved a time-only extension through 7/31/2012; on 7/24/2012, an additional time extension to 7/31/2013 with an increase of \$199,643.00; on 5/29/2013, an additional time extension to 9/30/2013, with an additional increase of \$44,500.00.

**Previous Grant Amount:** \$744,143.00 as above.

**Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** This increase and time extension will provide additional funds to allow the continuation of the Circuit Court's victim assistance program in the Domestic Violence Division.