



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Cook County Justice Advisory Council

Grantee: Office of the Chief Judge

Grantor: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The Access to Community Treatment (ACT) Court is a drug court probation program that aims to link to people with community-based behavioral health, vocational and educational services while piloting the use of Affordable Care Act-expanded Medicaid health insurance to pay for covered services.

Grant Amount: \$1,116,736.00

Grant Period: 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

Fiscal Impact: N/A

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 is a drug court probation program targeting nonviolent drug and retail theft offenders newly arrested in Cook County who are at high risk of reoffending and have a high need for treatment services. The ACT Court aims to link to people with community-based behavioral health, vocational and educational services while piloting the use of Affordable Care Act-expanded Medicaid health insurance to pay for covered services. Following admission to the ACT Court, participants are screened using the Level of Service Inventory - Revised ("LSIR") to determine their criminogenic needs. The ACT Court team then links participants with community-based services matched with their clinical and criminogenic needs. Participant compliance is monitored closely and encouraged through a range of rewards and sanctions, utilizing incarceration as a sanction only as a last resort and for periods of a week or less.