



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: State's Attorney's Office

Grantee: State's Attorney's Office

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: This funding will allow our Office to offer a three-pronged approach that will expand the current MDPEP to one courthouse that currently does not offer it and pilot and research an enhanced model in the 6th Municipal District (MDPEP).

Grant Amount: \$435,253.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2016

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 MDPEP will seek to: reduce subsequent criminal behavior; reduce costs to the system; minimize the collateral consequences resulting from convictions for these low-level, non-violent offenses; and share findings with the larger community. By creating a diversion program that utilizes a free assessment tool that is brief enough to be administered in court, the Program can be replicated in other jurisdictions nationwide. This award will allow the Office to dedicate one Assistant State's Attorneys (ASA) to serve as the Coordinator of the MDPEP. In addition, the program will allow the Office to enter into a contract with Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI-our research partner) to implement the Program. There is no match requirement for this program.