



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PAYMENT APPROVAL

Department(s): Cook County Department of Homeland Security (“DHSEM”)

Action: Authorization for the Cook County Comptroller to remit \$1,392,750.26 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency due to ineligible costs for Project Shield from FY 2006 and FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Programs.

Payee: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC

Good(s) or Service(s): FEMA reimbursement for Project Shield Costs deemed ineligible.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,392,750.26

Accounts: 499-814

Contract Number(s): “N/A”

Summary: In July of 2015, the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (“IEMA”) received a Notice of Debt Collection for Homeland Security Grant Funds Awarded to Project Shield, totaling \$1,392,750.26 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”). The July FEMA correspondence indicated that various Project Shield activities that were funded by the Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Homeland Security Grants were unreasonable, unallowable and unallocable costs. Even though the findings resulted from work performed by a previous administration, DHSEM worked with the IEMA to appeal FEMA’s findings; however, the DHSEM was notified on 11/12/2015 by IEMA that FEMA denied the appeal and included a final determination that grant funds were expended by Cook County in the amount of \$1,392,750.26 on ineligible costs for Project Shield and are required to be returned to FEMA.