



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

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

Grantee: Office of the Chief Judge

Grantor: Center for Court Innovation, New York, New York

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Create a Restorative Justice Community Court in North Lawndale, Chicago, Illinois, to provide an alternative means of addressing low-level criminality which invests in the future of nonviolent offenders, their victims and the community.

Grant Amount: \$200,000.00

Grant Period: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2018

Fiscal Impact: \$4,271.00, Supplemental Cook County funding first year

Accounts: 310-818

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The Circuit Court of Cook County will use this grant award from the Center for Court Innovation to develop and implement the court's first ever Restorative Justice Community Court pilot (RJCC) program for young adults. The RJCC will be initially piloted in Chicago's North Lawndale community and will target young adults, ages 18-26, accused of committing low-level, nonviolent felony and misdemeanor offenses. The court will follow Restorative Justice concepts which invest in the future of nonviolent offenders, their victims, and the community. The RJCC will partner with various community social service organizations to address the social, vocational and educational needs of the offenders, repair the harm done to victims and the community, and help to reintegrate the offender back into the community, and reduce further involvement in the criminal justice system.

Grant funds will be used to fund the salary and fringe benefits of a program director, as well as to provide funds for training and travel.