



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Environmental Control

Grantee: Cook County Department of Environmental Control

Grantor: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The purpose of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) solid waste enforcement grant is to reimburse the Department of Environmental Control for inspection and enforcement actions conducted by the Department on behalf of the IEPA.

Grant Amount: \$329,911.40

Grant Period: 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

Fiscal Impact: \$141,390.60 (In-Kind from 161 and 585)

Accounts: N/A

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The Department of Environmental Controls respectfully requests acceptance of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) solid waste enforcement grant.

The grant reimburses the county for activities performed during the 2016 state fiscal year. A delegation agreement was previously agreed upon by both the IEPA and the Cook County Board (Board Agenda Item 15-3606 from 07/29/2015), grant funding was delayed due to the state budget impasse. Illinois EPA has delegated its authority to inspect solid waste management facilities to several county agencies, the Ambraw Valley Solid Waste Agency (for Crawford, Richland and Lawrence Counties) and the City of Chicago. Delegated agencies are authorized to conduct many of the duties within their political boundaries that would otherwise be performed by an IEPA field office including: investigating violations of land pollution laws and reports of open dumping; and inspection of permitted landfills, transfer stations and compost facilities. These are sites that the Department inspects already.

We respectfully request approval for the acceptance of this grant and that the Director of Environmental Control and or his/her designee be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Cook any and all documents necessary to further the program approval herein, including but not limited to, grant agreement forms, request for payment forms and other

supporting documents.