



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL

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

Grantee: Office of the Chief Judge

Grantor: Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Request: Authorization to renew grant

Purpose: The purpose of the grant is to fund mediation services provided through the Access and Visitation Program of the Domestic Relations Division.

Grant Amount: \$94,705.00

Grant Period: 7/1/2017-6/30/2018

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: NA

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: NA, approved by the Cook County Budget Office

Most Recent Grant Amount: \$94,705.00

Concurrences:

Budget and Management Services as received all requisite documents, and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

Summary: For the past many years, the Circuit Court has received this annual grant under U.S. Code Title 42, Section 669B, Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs. In situations where noncustodial parents were never married to custodial parents, a judge may determine it is in the best interest of the child to order the parents to participate in the program, which facilitates the noncustodial parent access and visitation with their children. Parents meet with a program attorney who mediates child access issues, develops parenting plans and drafts related court orders for subsequent approval in court. The grant pays for the salary and payroll fringe benefits of a program attorney.