



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: Circuit Court of Cook County

Grantor: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: The Cook County Suburban Municipal Districts Drug Court Service Enhancement Program will build the County's capacity to help drug-addicted program participants in three suburban drug treatment courts in Cook County.

Grant Amount: \$324,811.00

Grant Period: 9/30/2017 - 9/29/2018

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: NA

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The Cook County Suburban Municipal Districts Drug Court Service Enhancement Program (DCSEP) will build the court's capacity to help program participants as follows: assess needs, offer practical recovery supports, reduce financial and access barriers to treatment through integration of clinical case management with health literacy and health insurance assistance, and strengthen client outcomes through targeted evidence-based medication-assisted and residential treatment services. The program will be implemented in three suburban drug treatment courts in Cook County: 1) the Fourth Municipal District (Maywood), 2) the Fifth Municipal District (Bridgeview), and 3) the Sixth Municipal District (Markham).

The purpose of the Suburban Municipal Districts DCSEP is to increase the number of suburban drug court participants who graduate successfully from the program and achieve stable recovery and affect the long-term health and safety needs of these individuals and their communities. Participants in the program will include adult men and women (age 18 and older) who are arrested/charged with new non-violent, drug-related felony offenses and are diagnosed with substance use disorders. It is anticipated that the majority of participants will be from minority communities. This population is being targeted in part because of the rise of heroin-related drug offenses in suburban Cook County.

Project funds will be dedicated mostly for community-based case management and treatment services. The remainder will be used for staff, fringe benefits, supplies, training and travel.