



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL

**Department:** Cook County State's Attorney's Office

**Grantee:** Cook County State's Attorney's Office

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Request:** Authorization to renew grant

**Purpose:** This award allows the State's Attorney's Office to continue to employ one part-time Postconviction DNA Specialist (PDS) and one full-time Postconviction DNA Assistant State's Attorney (PDA) to be dedicated to work on DNA-related postconviction cases. The PDA will review and investigate all DNA-related postconviction cases. The PDS will provide onsite information regarding technical and non-technical DNA issues on a full-time basis in regards to post-conviction cases. The PDS will act as a liaison with the crime lab and the PDA when necessary. The PDS will advise the PDAs on specific issues such as the explanation of report findings, statistics and conclusions, and can assist with reexamining the previous DNA reports, if any.

**Grant Amount:** \$413,419.00

**Grant Period:** 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2019

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** None

**Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant:** 10/7/2015

**Most Recent Grant Amount:** \$400,701.00

**Concurrences:**

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

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