



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 17-5554, **Version:** 1

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Cook County Justice Advisory Council

**Vendor:**

- 1) Reflections Foundation, Chicago, Illinois
- 2) Storycatchers Theatre, Chicago, Illinois
- 3) Viewing Our Children as Emerging Leaders (VOCEL), Chicago, Illinois
- 4) Lawndale Christian Legal Center, Chicago, Illinois
- 5) Childserv, Chicago, Illinois
- 6) James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, Evanston, Illinois
- 7) Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Chicago, Illinois
- 8) Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School, Chicago, Illinois
- 9) Talented 10<sup>th</sup> College Prep Mentoring, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Violence Prevention, Intervention, and Reduction Services

**Contract Value:**

- 1) Reflections Foundation, \$80,000.00
- 2) Storycatchers Theatre, \$80,000.00
- 3) Viewing Our Children as Emerging Leaders (VOCEL), \$80,000.00
- 4) Lawndale Christian Legal Center, \$80,000.00
- 5) Childserv, \$80,000.00
- 6) James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, \$80,000.00
- 7) Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, \$80,000.00
- 8) Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School, \$80,000.00
- 9) Talented 10<sup>th</sup> College Prep Mentoring, \$80,000.00

**Contract period:** 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2019

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2018 \$360,000.00, FY 2019 \$360,000.00

**Accounts:** 499-298

**Contract Number(s):**

- 1) Reflections Foundation, 1753-16252A
- 2) Storycatchers Theatre, 1753-16252B
- 3) Viewing Our Children as Emerging Leaders (VOCEL), 1753-16252C
- 4) Lawndale Christian Legal Center, 1753-16252D
- 5) Childserv, 1753-16252E
- 6) James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, 1753-16252F
- 7) Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, 1753-16252G
- 8) Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School, 1753-16252H

9) Talented 10<sup>th</sup> College Prep Mentoring, 1753-16252I

**Concurrences:**

The contract-specific goal set on these contracts was zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** The Justice Advisory Council seeks to award nine (9) Violence Prevention, Intervention, and Reduction Demonstration Grants to provide various services and/or programs. These represent the second two-year FY 2018- FY 2019 Violence Prevention, Intervention, and Reduction Demonstration Grant awards.

1. Reflections Foundation. The program will serve Chicago girls, ages 7 to 17 who are increasingly victims of a wide range of violence and perpetrators of violence against their peers. Reflections Foundation's Polished Pebbles Girls Mentoring Program aims to teach effective communication, social emotional skills to overcome childhood trauma, the soft skills to succeed in life, and the conflict resolution skills to lessen their likelihood of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence.

2. Storycatchers Theatre. This provider will serve adolescent boys (13-21) incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center-Chicago. The provider will implement the Firewriters program, a trauma-informed creative youth development program that serves adolescent boys incarcerated at Illinois Youth Centre (IYC)-Chicago.

3. Viewing Our Children as Emerging Leaders (VOCEL). This program will provide a 3-month early learning accelerator program for parents and younger children under the age of 5 to foster young children's social-emotional development and to support parents as their children's first and best teachers. Building upon the successes and recognizing the need for additional parent/caregiver based interventions and support, VOCEL will expand the VCPA program to reach more families and young children in Austin, West Park and Humboldt Park in December 2017.

4. Lawndale Christian Legal Center. This program will serve exclusively North Lawndale juveniles and emerging adults, ages 24 and younger, who are involved in the criminal justice system including police station diversion, pending cases, in juvenile and adult criminal courts, probation, supervision, and parole.

5. Childserv. This program will serve minors, ages 13-17, residing in Chicago who have been assessed as not eligible for Intensive Probation due to culpability and family stability issues and recommended for Illinois Department of Justice. Childserv's new Juvenile Justice Foster Care (JJFC) program is to place minors coming out of incarceration, or with a past history of incarceration, into individual foster homes where the youth will receive comprehensive supportive services.

6. James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy. This program will serve youth between the ages of 3 and 21 years, who are challenged by the effects of poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness and learning and/or emotional disabilities, 150 under-resourced students with special needs over 24 months to help stem the school-to-prison pipeline. The Moran Center Special Education Legal Advocacy (SELA) program aims to ensure equal access to the benefits of public education for under-resourced children with special needs and their families in Evanston at no cost to the client.

7. Center for Advancing Domestic Peace. This program will serve individuals referred to the center by the Circuit Court of Cook County, which mandates completion of a PAIP for first time offenders pleading guilty to or found guilty of misdemeanor domestic battery and child welfare agencies requiring partner abuse intervention services due to parental involvement with the juvenile court. The two programs, Real Men Advancing Peace (Real MAP) and its counterpart for women Sister's Peace Circle (SPC), incorporate both evidence-based and practice experience to recruit and engage those who have successfully completed a partner abuse intervention program (PAIP) in voluntary after care services.

8. Dr. Pedro Campos Puerto Rican High School. The provider will serve 60 high risk students, ages 16-21 from Dr.

Pedro Albizu Campos High School over a 24 month period. "Project Home Place" program seeks to prevent, intervene and ultimately reduce violence in the Humboldt Park community within the context of the school setting.

9. Talented 10th College Prep Mentoring. The provider will serve African American males and females from the fourth grade to the twelfth grade, targeted students who are the highest at risk of criminal behavior or dropping out of school. Their Young Investor's Program aims to involve approximately 40-50 students in a leadership curriculum.

Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures were followed in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. The aforementioned vendors were selected based on the established evaluation criteria.