



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

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 accept grant

Purpose: State and local law enforcement agencies receive equitable sharing funds by participating jointly with Department of Justice agencies on investigations that lead to the seizure and forfeiture of property. Once an investigation is completed and the seized assets are forfeited, the assisting state and local law enforcement agencies can request a share of the forfeited assets or a percentage of the proceeds derived from the sale of forfeited assets. Generally, the degree of a state or local agency's direct participation in an investigation determines the amount or percentage of funds shared with the agency. Before requesting a share of the seized assets, a state or local law enforcement agency must first become a member of the DOJ Equitable Sharing Program. To participate in the program, agencies sign and submit to DOJ an equitable sharing agreement and certification form. The agreement must be renewed annually, and by signing and submitting the agreement, the officials of participating agencies certify that they will use equitable sharing funds for law enforcement purposes.

Grant Amount: TBD

Grant Period: 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2020

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: TBD

Concurrences:

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

Summary: The Cook County State's Attorney's Office has participated in this program since 2008. Attached is an Equitable Sharing Guide Programs that speaks to its purpose more broadly.