



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 18-5382, **Version:** 1

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

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

**Vendor:**

1. LAF, Chicago, Illinois.
2. Respond Now, Chicago, Illinois.
3. Growing Home, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.
4. Felix Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.
5. McDermott Center, d/b/a Haymarket Center, Chicago, Illinois.
6. Centers For New Horizons, Chicago, Illinois.

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Recidivism Reduction Demonstration Grants

**Contract Value:**

1. LAF, \$200,000.00.
2. Respond Now, \$200,000.00.
3. Growing Home, Inc., \$200,000.00.
4. Felix Foundation, \$200,000.00.
5. McDermott Center, d/b/a Haymarket Center, \$200,000.00.
6. Centers For New Horizons, \$199,280.00.

**Contract period:** 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2020

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2019 \$599,640.00, FY 2020 \$599,640.00

**Accounts:** 499-521313 Special or Cooperative Programs

**Contract Number(s):**

1. LAF 1853-17193A
2. Respond Now 1853-17193B
3. Growing Home, Inc. 1853-17193C
4. Felix Foundation 1853-17193D
5. McDermott Center, d/b/a Haymarket Center 1853-17193E
6. Centers For New Horizons 1853-17193F

**Concurrences:**

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

The Interim Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:**

The Justice Advisory Council is requesting authorization for the Interim Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contracts with six (6) community-based organizations. These contracts will provide Recidivism Reduction Demonstration programs.

LAF will provide an attorney and create a position to supervise a permanent help desk at the Juvenile Courthouse. The program begins with staffing model that currently provides 60% of expungements that actually occur in Cook County.

Respond Now will provide a rapid housing program. 70 clients over two years will be placed in motel rooms, proceed to temporary housing and then to supportive housing as they are stabilized and slots become available. Supportive services are provided including SNAP, CountyCare, transportation and wraparound services needed for employment.

Growing Home, Inc. will provide fund a fourteen week transitional job program. Enrollment is a process of engagement with referrals coming from prisons, parole and probation officers. The program includes field work, classroom instruction and case management. Proposer will serve fifty-five participants per year in six cohorts.

Felix Foundation will a program which will house people severe and persisting mental illness faced with homelessness, in a facility operated under Fairweather Lodge principles. Once stabilized and engaged they will go on to permanent supportive housing. Thirty-five people will be served per year. The program includes counselling, skill training, job coaching and supported employment. The housing is organized to support the program goals and prepare people for a successful transition to supportive housing.

McDermott Center, d/b/a Haymarket Center will provide a twenty-four hour triage center, residential treatment, recovery coaches which remain connected for a year with the clients, and therapy. Program would serve 150 women who have become involved with prostitution.

Centers for New Horizons will provide the Project Rise program, where 70 adults will get workforce skills, trauma therapy, wellness groups, individual and group therapy. Intensive services including counselling, case management and wrap-around services will be provided for a year for each cohort. Group counselling lasts twenty-four weeks and individual counselling fifteen weeks but can be increased if therapist recommends. Each participant would meet with the Employment specialist and has an Individual Employment plan. A broad range of useful supportive services was listed.

These contracts were awarded through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. The aforementioned vendors were selected based on the established evaluation criteria.