



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's State's Attorney's Office

Grantee: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Treasury

Request: Authorization to renew grant

Purpose: Request to extend grant period and increase funding

Grant Amount: Department of Justice \$910,916.61 and U.S. Treasury \$385,692.42

Grant Period: 12/1/2020-11/30/24

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: Department of Justice 11900.1250.53583.xxxxx and U.S. Treasury 11900.1250.53582.xxxxx

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: 11/15/2017

Most Recent Grant Amount: Department of Justice \$1,781,504.20 and U.S. Treasury \$819,000

Concurrences:

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

Summary: 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.