



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Department(s): Justice Advisory Council

Other Part(ies):

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (ChicagoCAC), Chicago, Illinois
Proviso Children's Advocacy Center
Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County
La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center
All Our Children's Advocacy Center

Request: Authorization to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement to provide funding to the five CACs in Cook County..

Good(s) or Service(s): As a result of a statutory changes in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's fee structure, the CACs in Cook County are estimated to lose nearly \$800,000.00 that is partially being shifted to the General Fund. Cook County through the Justice Advisory Council seeks to provide a grant of funds in the amount of \$750,000 to the CACs to investigate alleged child abuse, conduct forensic interviews, provide family advocacy, reduce trauma and identify resources so that children and families may begin the healing process.

Agreement period: 9/15/2019 - 11/30/2020

Fiscal Impact: \$750,000.00 (\$250,000.00 in FY 2019 and \$500,000.00 in FY 2020)

Accounts: 11100.1499.10155.521314 - Public Safety Fixed Charges (JAC) Special or Coop Program

Agreement Number(s): NA

Summary/Notes: As a result of a statutory changes in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's fee structure, the five CACs in Cook County are estimated to lose nearly \$800,000.00 that is partially being shifted to the General Fund. Cook County through the Justice Advisory Council seeks to provide a grant of funds in the amount of \$750,000 to the CACs to investigate alleged child abuse, conduct forensic interviews, provide family advocacy, reduce trauma and identify resources so that children and families may begin the healing process. Each CAC will utilize the County's grant of funds to (1) facilitate coordinated multidisciplinary investigations into reports of child abuse received; (2) conduct forensic interviews of alleged child victims and witnesses to violence; (3) provide social, mental health, crisis intervention, case management and other support services to children and families; and (4) maintain the space needed to perform its mission and support the work of its partner agencies. Chicago Children's Advocacy Center will act as the lead agency under this agreement. Funds will be disbursed at least quarterly to ChicagoCAC which will be responsible for distributing the funds equitably among the five CACs.