



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 20-4671, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED PAYMENT APPROVAL

Department(s): Cook County Assessor's Office

Action: Payment Only

Payee: Interior Investments, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Protective Plexi-Glass Face Shields

Fiscal Impact: \$8,404.93

Accounts: 11000.1040.10155.520840.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): N/A

Summary: The purpose of this payment only is for the purchase of face shields to be installed at cubicles in which 6 feet of social-distancing cannot be maintained. These face shields would be installed at cubicles in which the workstations cannot be reconfigured since the cubicles are set up in a way in which many of the employees face each other. The face shields would provide additional protection for these employees from the airborne COVID-19 virus.

This request was originally submitted for approval of CARES act funding. The request has been denied. After the Assessor's Office met with the Bureau of Asset Management they determined, per the advice of a doctor, that although the plexi-glass can be used as tool, they are not a good substitute or alternative for 6-foot social-distancing. Since the state's current guideline is still at 50% capacity for agencies while we are in phase 4, BAM will not support adding the face shields. However, the Assessor's Office feels very strongly that although capacity limits us to 50%, we want those employees that are on rotating schedules in the office to feel secure at their workstations if 6 feet of distance is not viable. Therefore, we are requesting for payment only of the face shields to be paid from our operating budget.