



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Bureau of Technology

Other Part(ies): Village of Tinley Park, Tinley Park, Illinois

Request: Approve the intergovernmental agreement

Goods or Services: An indefeasible right of use of fiber optic cable and conduit between County of Cook and Village of Tinley Park.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Useful life of the asset

Fiscal Impact: None contemplated in current agreement

Accounts: N/A

Summary: Lack of reliable high-speed internet access is a barrier to economic development, educational advancement, and healthcare access. On January 16, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution titled "Creating Digital Equity in Cook County" to address barriers to connectivity for unserved and underserved communities in Cook County. In 2020, Cook County applied for and received a Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program award of \$1,876,580.48 for expansion of broadband infrastructure in underserved areas of Cook County. Cook County has committed an additional \$2,293,940.58 for expansion of broadband of Technology. The current Cook County Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program Project will expand the broadband fiber footprint in Chicago Southland communities through publicly owned, shared fiber. Cook County desires to complete the fiber build into the Village of Tinley Park to service community anchor institutions and other municipal entities. Cook County and the Village of Tinley Park have agreed to a utilization of fiber assets for mutual benefit and enter into this agreement to memorialize the shared use of current conduit and fiberoptic cable and installation of new conduit and fiberoptic cable.