



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Bureau of Technology

Other Part(ies): Village of Orland Park

Request: Approve the intergovernmental agreement between County of Cook and Village of Orland Park

Goods or Services: Use of Orland Park conduit to run fiber optic cable underground resulting in cost savings to Cook County

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: upon execution of the contract for the useful life of the conduit, 20years

Fiscal Impact: \$15,000.00

Accounts: 11100.1499.15050.520150.00000.00000

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 its existing fiber path through the Village of Orland Park for service to Moraine Valley Community College and other anchor institution and municipal entities. Orland Park has conduit available for Cook County use that would allow Cook County to connect existing Cook County broadband fiber to other fiber infrastructure.