



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): Board of Education of Consolidated District 230, Illinois

Request: Approval of intergovernmental agreement between Cook County and Board of Education of Consolidated District 230

Goods or Services: Indefeasible right of use for unused fiberoptic cable

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 20 years from date of execution

Fiscal Impact: \$221,389.62 over the life of the agreement.

Accounts: 11100.1009.15050.520150

Summary: Lack of reliable high-speed internet access is a barrier to economic development, educational advancement, and healthcare access. In 2020, Cook County received a State of Illinois "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 to broadband expansion. The purpose of this IGA is to expand the broadband fiber footprint in Chicago Southland communities through publicly owned, shared fiber. The Board of Education of Consolidated District 230 has agreed to partner with Cook County in this effort by granting the County use of some of its unused fiberoptic strands through a structured payment plan to help provide for maintenance of the asset. This will result in substantial savings to Cook County because the County will not need to dig trenches and install new fiberoptic cable.