



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD RENEWAL

Department: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantee: Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Grantor: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Request: Authorization to renew grant

Purpose: Provide personnel to handle the increase in cold case homicides where suspects are identified through DNA

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Grant Period: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2025

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Most Recent Date of Board Authorization for Grant: 10/24/2019

Most Recent Grant Amount: \$470,239.00

Concurrences:

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

Summary: The overall strategy of the Cold Case DNA Program, implemented in Cook County, Illinois, is to provide personnel to handle the increase in cold case homicides where suspects are identified through DNA, whether they are known or unknown. The grant will fund one assistant state's attorney (ASA) dedicated to handling cold case homicides with suspects identified through DNA. The grant-funded ASA will work on investigations and prosecutions of unsolved homicides that are at least three years old where a suspect has been identified with DNA evidence. It will also fund one part time law clerk to support the ASA with case investigation, research, trial prep. There is a no match requirement for this award