



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH)

**Grantee:** Cook County Department of Public Health

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Public Health

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** CCDPH Strengthening Illinois Public Health Administration

**Grant Amount:** \$350,000.00

**Grant Period:** 7/1/2023 - 11/30/2027

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A.

#### **Concurrences:**

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

**Summary:** U.S. public-health agencies have been fighting on the front line to protect Americans against COVID-19 for almost three years. To respond to the pandemic, public-health departments across the country have had to assume new and expanded responsibilities while continuing to deliver their core responsibilities and services as part of the public health system. Almost half of all employees in state and local public health agencies left their jobs between 2017 and 2021. If this trend continues, half of the governmental public health workforce will have left their jobs by 2025. Stagnant funding and cumbersome hiring processes have left departments struggling to attract, retain and train the specialized and diverse talent they need to better reach, serve, and reflect their communities. Grant funds must be used for workforce development activities, including hiring, retention, training, and other incentives to support and sustain the public health workforce.