



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Grantee: Office of the Chief Judge

Grantor: Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Program Support, Veterans Treatment Court Enhancement Program

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

Grant Period: 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028

Fiscal Impact: None, no matching contribution required

Accounts: N/A

Concurrences:

Budget and Management services has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact of such grant or financial award on Cook County, if any.

Summary: The Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County (the “Court”) seeks acceptance by the County board of an award to the Court from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance to enhance the Court’s Veteran Treatment Courts (VTC), to implement a plan to expand services to veterans who cannot or do not have access to Veterans Administration (VA) resources. The enhancement project will serve veterans in the First Municipal District (Chicago) and Second and Fourth Municipal Districts of northwest and western suburban Cook County. These programs target high-risk/high-need justice involved veterans arrested and charged with a felony offense, who are diagnosed with a substance use or mental health disorder and have not been convicted of a violent crime within the past 5 years. Funding will be used to 1) Enhance coordination of services to Vets who are ineligible for VA resources by employing a case manager to assess behavioral health needs, develop case plans, make referrals, and monitor the delivery of treatment; and 2) Increase access to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services to meet the unique needs of these justice-involved veterans. Services will be sensitive to issues of race, culture, religion, gender, age, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

Grant funds will be allocated to staff salaries and fringe benefits, substance use disorder treatment services, training, travel, and Cook County administrative costs.