



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution seeking approval for the execution of a new Court Improvement Grant agreement, originating from a US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Administration for Children, Youth and Families grant program, administered through the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts on behalf of the Illinois Supreme Court, and authorizing an emergency appropriation for a total award of \$196,336 in federal funds for performance period of 17 months from May 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

- This program fits within the State Court Improvement Program high-priority category of improving the quality of legal representation for endangered children and families.
- The goals of the program include: to strengthen the infrastructure of child protection cases in Lake County, and to improve outcomes for victims and non-offending family members of familial abuse and neglect.
- The program's objectives include: solidifying relationships and co-processes between Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Family Court, Criminal Court, and Juvenile Court; and to integrate and unify case management protocols among all response facets of child protection in coordination with the Lake County Sexual Assault Coordinating Council.
- The program is up to 75% funded by the granting agency with \$196,336 in federal funds, with a minimum 25% in-kind local match provided through \$80,744 in expenses already allocated to the State's Attorney's Children's Advocacy Center budget totaling an emergency appropriation of \$ 277,080.
- The program's federal funding will support 100% of the cost of 17 months of salary, fringe and administrative expenses of a new principal Assistant State's Attorney position to be housed in the Children's Advocacy Center of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office.
- The new Assistant State's Attorney position will serve child victims and non-offending family members of familial abuse and neglect by providing front-end screening and facilitating interagency coordination of cases.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office has applied for a US DHHS Administration for Children, Youth and Families Grant administered through the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, that provides grant monies to state and local governments to improve outcomes for Illinois' endangered families by enhancing the effectiveness of legal representation of children, parents, the state, and the child welfare agency in child abuse and neglect, and termination of parental rights proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office will use this funding to create a new Principal Assistant State's Attorney position in its inventory for the duration of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the total 2010 Court Improvement Program (CIP) budget is \$277,080, including \$196,336 in federal funds and \$80,744 in-kind match, and it is necessary to appropriate this amount; and

WHEREAS, this new grant requires a separate accounting of grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the acceptance and execution of this 2010 Court Improvement Program, from the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, for Lake County on behalf of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office are hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$277,080 is hereby authorized in fund 101, in a new management center to be determined by Lake County Finance and Administrative Services, with the offsetting revenue to be deposited to the same management center including \$196,336 in federal funds and \$80,744 in in-kind match funds already appropriated in fund 101, management center 3300070 (Children's Advocacy Center) to be transferred to this new grant management center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds will be available for expenditure in the new management center's chart of accounts until September 30, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chart of accounts will be forwarded to the Controller as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State's Attorney shall serve as project director for the program, and accurate records of all necessary grant compliance requirements shall be kept by the State's Attorney Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chair, State's Attorney, and Treasurer for Lake County are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation to accept the award.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on this 11th day of May, A.D., 2010.