



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the creation of a part-time Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant funded position at the Lake County State's Attorney's Office to coordinate the 23-hour Crisis Triage Stabilization Center.

- In October 2020, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office was awarded a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Support of Mental Health Centers grant through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice (BJA) for a Crisis Triage Stabilization Center (Center) in the amount of \$750,000.
- The grant term is for three years, starting October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.
- A resolution was passed by the Lake County Board in November 2020 authorizing the grant acceptance and an emergency appropriation of funds.
- The 23-hour premier center is a cross-system partnership between the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, Northern Illinois Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (NICASA), Independence Center, Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), 46 municipal police agencies, and behavioral health treatment and service providers.
- Through grant funding, the Center will provide prearrest diversion and police drop-off of low-level offenders experiencing mental illness or mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse (CMISA) to be screened, assessed, and receive referrals to treatment and services. The Center will provide an additional safe resource rather than the alternative, transport of these individuals to jail or an Emergency Department.
- This Project will improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illness or CMISA who come into contact with law enforcement. It will reduce recidivism by addressing individuals' criminogenic needs and deflect them from further intrusion into the criminal justice system.
- The part-time grant funded Coordinator position was originally budgeted to be subcontracted through NICASA. However, the position has been moved to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office.
- Grant funds for the part-time position are already budgeted in the Lake County State's Attorney's Budget, but it is necessary for Human Resources to create and add the position to the State's Attorney's position inventory.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In October 2020, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office was awarded a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Support of Mental Health Centers grant through the U.S. DOJ, OJP, BJA for a Crisis Triage Stabilization Center in the amount of \$750,000.; and

WHEREAS, the grant term is for three years, starting October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, A Resolution was passed by the Lake County Board in November 2020 authorizing the grant acceptance and an emergency appropriation of funds; and

WHEREAS, The part-time grant funded Coordinator position was originally budgeted to be subcontracted through NICASA)However, the position has been moved to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Grant funds for the part-time position are already included in the Lake County State's Attorney's approved FY 2021 Budget, but it is necessary for Human Resources to create and add the position to the State's Attorney's Office position inventory.

WHEREAS, If program funding is reduced or eliminated, commensurate expense reductions or new revenue increases shall be made, or if necessary the program will be eliminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that a part-time Coordinator position will be added to Lake County State's Attorney's Office position inventory, for the Crisis Triage Stabilization Center; and

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on July 13, 2021.