



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the execution of a Title IV-D Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) and the Lake County State's Attorney for the continuation of the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Program for maximum reimbursement amounts of \$725,000 for staff wages and benefits.

- Since 1985, the State's Attorney has entered into an annual intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly known as Illinois Department of Public Aid) to provide child support enforcement services. Pursuant to these annual agreements, the State's Attorney's reasonable costs of providing these services (as determined by IDHFS) are to be reimbursed.
- Since 1999, the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement staff has included 3 Assistant State's Attorneys, 4 secretaries, 3 paralegals and 1 investigator.
- The Child Support Enforcement Division handles approximately 17,000 active cases, including those to establish paternity, to set support upon voluntary acknowledgement, to establish medical support orders, and to enforce orders for payment of support.
- IDHFS has tendered a proposed SFY 2014 contract: to reimburse 89.25% of personnel costs not to exceed \$725,000 (66% of which is federal funds). In previous years, an additional Federal Fund Participation (FFP) contract was also proposed to reimburse up to 66% of administrative costs incurred.
- Funding for the Lake County personnel costs contract, between the period of July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, has been reduced by \$47,226 from the State Fiscal Year 2013's contract. A recent staff change in the Child Support Division will result in an annual savings of \$22,502 in salary and benefits and will help offset the revenue reduction.
- FFP funding is no longer offered and creates a reimbursement reduction of \$40,000 from State Fiscal Year 2013. Effective November 2012, the Child Support Division moved from leased office space to the County Building, resulting in an annual savings of \$53,802 in rent and utility expenditures, of which 66% was reimbursable through the FFP. The savings will help offset the revenue reduction by \$35,509.
- Sources of program funding include \$725,000 from the State of IL DHFS for salary/fringe, and the remainder from the State's Attorney's Office FY2013 budget.

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly known as Illinois Department of Public Aid) has notified the State's Attorney that the Department desires to renew its Intergovernmental Agreement for the Child Support Enforcement Services; and

WHEREAS, IDHFS has tendered a proposed State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 contract for salary/fringe reimbursement not to exceed \$725,000; and

WHEREAS, anticipating the receipt of the final program agreement from the IDHFS for the continuation of the State's Attorney Child Support Enforcement Program, the County Board approved a total budget of \$1,013,357 for the County Fiscal Year (CFY) 2013; and

WHEREAS, Revenue of \$772,226 for salary/fringe and \$40,000 for administrative costs reimbursements were originally appropriated in the CFY 2013 budget for the Child Support Enforcement Division, and the award amount of \$725,000 reflects a \$47,226 reduction for salary/fringe and a \$40,000 reduction for administrative costs from the budgeted amount; and

WHEREAS, a revenue reduction in the amount of \$47,226 for salary/fringe, and \$40,000 for administrative costs is needed to compensate for the reduction in grant funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the program agreements attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the intergovernmental agreement for the State's Attorney Child Support Enforcement Program, in the amount of \$725,000 for the period of July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Lake County State's Attorney, and the Lake County Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation in order to approve the attached agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the emergency appropriations in the amount of \$47,226 and \$40,000 are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reimbursement amounts be deposited in fund 101, management center 3306010, account 45140; 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's Office; and

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on May 14, 2013.