



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution approving a bid exemption to enter into an agreement with Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, Round Lake, Illinois (Nicasa) for jail diversion culturally intensive case management services in amount not to exceed \$400,000 over a two-year period.

- In February 2017, the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) was awarded a \$50,000 Jail High Utilizer Intensive Case Management Innovation grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Innovation Fund.
- At that time, Nicasa Behavioral Health Services had a 20 year working relationship with the LCSO, was very familiar with jail operations and provided educational courses in parenting, anger management and substance abuse prevention to many inmates for re-entry into society. Because of the long-standing relationship, the LCSO entered into an agreement with Nicasa to provide intensive case management services to the population served by the Innovation grant.
- In October 2018, Lake County was awarded a \$700,000 SJC Implementation Grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to expand and continue the Jail High Utilizers Program and other strategies to safely reduce the overutilization of the jail by 10 percent and decrease the racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system. The LCSO is serving as the lead agency on the Implementation grant.
- Nicasa will provide a clinical manager, social worker, and peer specialist to work with jail high utilizers, and where applicable, their families, to conduct best practice needs assessments and culturally intensive case management referrals for housing and employment linkage, substance use peer recovery, and physical/mental health treatment.
- The Purchasing Agent conducted an Ad-Hoc Bid Exemption Meeting with members of the State's Attorney's Office, Finance and Administrative Services, and County Administrator's Office on January 23, 2019. It has recommended approval of LCSO's exemption request based on Nicasa's working knowledge of jail programs, history, influence in the shaping of the Jail High Utilizer Program, and its established working relationship with the LCSO.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Sheriff's Office received a Safety and Justice Challenge Implementation Grant in the amount of \$700,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Sheriff's Office serves as the lead agency on this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicasa Behavioral Health Services (Nicasa) has a 22-year working relationship with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, has knowledge of jail operations, understands the jail's programming needs, and has worked exclusively with the Lake County Sheriff's Office to create and implement the Jail High Utilizers Program; and

**WHEREAS**, will provide a clinical manager, social worker, and peer specialist to work with jail high

utilizers, and where applicable, their families, to conduct best practice needs assessments and culturally intensive case management referrals for housing and employment linkage, substance use peer recovery, and physical/mental health treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Sheriff's Office requested a bid exemption to enter into an agreement with Nicasa to provide culturally intensive case management services based on a 22-year working relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ad-Hoc Review Group met on January 23, 2019, to review the Lake County Sheriff's Office request for a bid exemption, based on a long-standing working relationship, so that it can enter into an agreement with Nicasa, Round Lake, Illinois, to provide culturally sensitive intensive case management services; the Ad-Hoc Review Group recommended the bid exemption be granted; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that a bid exemption, based on a long-standing working relationship, be approved so that the Lake County Sheriff's Office may enter into a professional services agreement with Nicasa to provide culturally intensive case management services for the Jail High Utilizers Program. The agreement for these services shall not exceed \$400,000 over a two-year period.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on February 12, 2019.