



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) Application Update

- In the FY18 competitive application round for Lake County Video Gaming Revenue grant awards, United Way of Lake County (UWLC) requested \$150,000 to implement a new 211 phone number for countywide information and referral. At the time, very little of the funding required for success of this new venture had been identified and it was not recommended for VGR funding.
- Upon completing a written implementation plan and raising funds in excess of 84% of year one costs and 28% of year two costs, UWLC submitted the attached letter revising its request to \$80,000 of VGR to cover costs of implementing and operating 211 for several years in Lake County's ServicePoint database.
- This request would uniquely allow expansion of the County's ServicePoint Referral Network by integration with a county-wide 211 phone number. The request also aligns with \$80,000 of unallocated funds from the FY18 VGR funding round. As such, staff recommends approval.
- Based on potential recommendation by both the HCDC and the Health & Community Service Committee, the Finance & Administration Committee could award the \$80,000 of unallocated FY18 VGR funds. If approved, this VGR award would cover costs of ServicePoint related to UWLC's implementation and at minimum, the first two years of operation of a new 211 service. Payments to Mediware, the provider of ServicePoint, would be made directly to Mediware by Lake County under the direction of UWLC.

Action by the Housing & Community Development Commission is requested to recommend for Lake County Board approval \$80,000 of FY2018 Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) to United Way of Lake County in light of its updated application. If approved, this VGR award would cover costs of ServicePoint related to UWLC's implementation of a new 211 service. Payments to Mediware, the provider of ServicePoint, would be made directly to Mediware by Lake County under direction of UWLC.