



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation and approving a Title IV-D Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) 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 the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, for a maximum reimbursement amount of \$3,491,909 for staff wages and benefits.

- Since 1985, the State's Attorney's Office has entered into an annual Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) to provide child support enforcement services.
- Pursuant to these annual agreements, the State's Attorney's Office is to be reimbursed for reasonable costs for providing these services, as determined by IFHS. From 1999 to 2017, the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement (CSE) staff included three assistant state's attorneys, four secretaries, three paralegals and one investigator.
- Currently, the CSE staff includes two full-time assistant state's attorneys, a .5 full-time equivalent (FTE) assistant state's attorney/supervisor, three full-time legal assistants, and 2.75 FTE paralegals.
- The Child Support Enforcement Division handles approximately 12,000 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 Five-Year Contract for 2021-2025 to reimburse personnel costs not to exceed \$3,491,909, 66 percent of which is federal funds.
- Funding for the 2021 Lake County contract will be increased from \$610,000 to \$671,000, with remaining years 2022 \$684,420, 2023 \$698,108, 2024 \$712,070, and 2025 \$726,311.
- Fiscal Year 2020 Program cost is \$899,072 which includes: \$671,000 from the State of IDHFS and \$228,072 in the State's Attorney's current operating budget.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the IDHFS has notified the State's Attorney's Office that the Department desires to renew its Intergovernmental Agreements for the Child Support Enforcement Services; and

WHEREAS, IDHFS has tendered a proposed Five-Year Contract for State fiscal year (SFY) 2021-2025 for salary/fringe reimbursement not to exceed \$3,491,909; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, IDHFS reimbursements be deposited in fund 101, management center 3306010, account 45140; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 \$3,491,909 for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025 (broken down by year SFY 2021 \$671,000 for the period of July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021, SFY 2022 \$684,420 for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, SFY 2023 \$698,108 for the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, SFY24 \$712,070 for the period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 and SFY 2025 \$726,311 for the period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) is hereby accepted; 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 Chairman of the Board, the Lake County State's Attorney, and the Lake County Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation to approve the attached agreements.

DATED, at Waukegan, Illinois, on May 12, 2020.