



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Lake County State's Attorney's Office (LCSA) Intelligence Driven Prosecution (IDP) - Hot Spot Prosecution program, through an Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) for Combating Violent Crime grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), including an emergency appropriation of \$305,000 in federal funds, if awarded.

- The LCSAO has applied for an (IPS) for Combating Violent Crime grant through the U.S. DOJ, OJP, BJA.
- The grant term is for two years, starting October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.
- The purpose of the IPS for Combating Violent Crime Program is to provide local prosecutors with resources to reduce crime and increase public safety.
- This BJA funding that supports prosecutors' offices to reduce caseloads, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of prosecutors' processes and procedures, and provide modern technology to better manage and track cases.
- The IDP Lines of Effort are: Priority Offender Prosecution, Hot Spot Prosecution and Opioid Epidemic.
- Funding will be used for a security measure known as the ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis Service to be installed in three geographic areas in Lake County, based on crime analysis, all having been identified as hot spots, where there has been a significant spike in firearm incidents.
- The ShotSpotter tool will help to reduce gun-related crimes, assist in arrest, assist in the confiscation of weapons, and can also be used as evidence in court and assist in the prosecution and conviction of criminals where the system is deployed.
- Program funding of \$305,000 in federal funds includes ShotSpotter deployment in three Lake County locations for two years each and ShotSpotter expert witness testimony and travel costs for both years. No county funds are required.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), has posted a notice of funding opportunity for an Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) for Combating Violent Crime grant for the term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office submitted an application for the Hot Spot Prosecution line of effort of the Intelligence Driven Prosecution initiative. Program funding of \$305,000 in federal funds includes ShotSpotter Gunfire Location, Alert and Analysis services to be deployment in three Lake County locations for two years each and ShotSpotter expert witness testimony and travel costs for both years; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the federal grant amount of \$305,000, it will be necessary to appropriate this amount; and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney's Office recommends that the Chairman of the County Board, the State's Attorney and the Treasurer be authorized to execute the necessary documents accept and execute the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that if the Lake County State's Attorney's Office is awarded a BJA Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) for Combating Violent Crime grant for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022, the acceptance and execution is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded, an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$305,000 is hereby authorized for an Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) for Combating Violent Crime grant in expenditure and revenue accounts to be determined by the controller; 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 in order to accept the grant award.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on November 10, 2020.