



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Grantee:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County

**Grantor:** Chicago Wilderness/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County has received support for its “Birding in the Preserves: An Initiative to Create Connections between People and the Forest Preserves through Birding” through a 50% match grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through Chicago Wilderness (CW). This project will expand the District’s programmatic capacity to promote birding to diverse audiences by leveraging partnerships and expertise available in the region.

**Grant Amount:** \$40,000.00

**Grant Period:** 6/1/2015 - 5/31/2017

**Fiscal Impact:** \$20,000.00

**Accounts:** 10-5840, Birding in the Preserve Revenue Account and 10-6225, Birding in the Preserve Professional Contractual Services)

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** This project will establish the Forest Preserves as a premiere birding destination in the region, introduce new communities to the preserves by expanding birding programs and activities, and provide birding resources for new and experienced birders.