

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

118 North Clark Chicago, IL 60602

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Resource Management

Other Part(ies): University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine ("UICVM"), Urbana, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA")

Goods or Services: Wildlife pathology and diagnostic services

Agreement Number(s): #74000011980

Agreement Period: 1/1/2023 (retroactive) - 12/31/2032

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$600,000.00 over the ten (10) year term (FY 2023 \$60,000.00, FY 2024 \$60,000.00, FY 2025 \$60,000.00, FY 2026 \$60,000.00, FY 2027 \$60,000.00, FY 2028 \$60,000.00, FY 2029 \$60,000.00, FY 2030 \$60,000.00, FY 2031 \$60,000.00, FY 2032 \$60,000.00)

Accounts: Wildlife Management 51001.521447; Professional Services 51033.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves has partnered with UICVM since 2008 to conduct on-demand wildlife pathology and diagnostic services undertaken in association with wildlife research initiatives. This work allows Forest Preserves wildlife biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in wildlife communities and assess how those diseases may affect human populations. Information acquired through this analysis is dispersed throughout the health services community, including the Cook County Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to better inform them of potential risks of zoonotic disease transmission.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners initially approved an amendment to extend and increase the pre-existing agreement on 9/20/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0366). However, due to institutional contract regulations, UICVM has requested to allow the original agreement to expire (at the end of 2022) and subsequently enter into a new intergovernmental agreement encompassing the new ten year term. The new intergovernmental agreement would be subject to the same terms and conditions of the previously approved amendment. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.