



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FY25 FIREARM SAFE STORAGE STRATEGIES

WHEREAS, firearm violence has deeply harmed neighborhoods, communities, and the entire State of Illinois, both through the immediate loss of life and the long-term, harmful effects of trauma experienced by victims, witnesses, and others; and

WHEREAS, a detailed examination of the Kane County data from 2009 to 2021 reveals an alarming trend starting at a firearm-related death rate of 2.7 per 100,000 residents in 2009, the rate escalated dramatically to a peak of 7.9 per 100,000 in 2021. This surge underscores a significant public health crisis that has unfolded over more than a decade. Despite these daunting figures, recent public health efforts and grants aimed at improving community safety have started to make an impact. From 2021, provisional data indicates a downward trend, with a 25% reduction in firearm-related deaths from 2021 to 2022, and an additional 35% decrease from 2022 to 2023. Unfortunately, the overall firearm-related death rate of 6.4 per 100,000 residents from 2018 to 2022 highlights a continued persistent public health challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Health Department has applied to receive funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health in the amount of forty-eight thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$48,700) to be utilized from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the funding will allow the Health Department to purchase and distribute firearm locks and safes through community-based organizations, specifically in areas most affected by firearm violence. Additionally, it will incorporate educational sessions designed to enhance safe storage practices significantly. In partnership with the Family Service Association (FSA), the project will also develop training programs on the Firearms Restraining Order Act for practitioners, law enforcement, and the public to broaden understanding and strengthen community safety protocols and carry out activities to reduce the disparity in firearm-related injury and mortality; so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board that the Chairman thereof is hereby authorized to enter into said agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kane County Board that the following adjustment to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget is hereby authorized.

Line Item: See attachment

Line Item Description: See attachment

*Was Personnel/Item/Service approved in original budget or a subsequent budget revision? No
Are funds currently available for this Personnel/Item/Service in the specific line item? No
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Firearm Safe Storage Strategies Grant

Passed by the Kane County Board on June 11, 2024.

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