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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Public Defender's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office and Assigned Counsel Program are seeking to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in the amount of \$1,439,718 to administer the Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform and Aid to Defense - Supplemental Programs, as well as to authorize related amendments to the County's 2024 budget.

Funds from the two grant programs will be used toward the following.

Public Defender:

- Discovery Analysis Software, Software Training, and Computer Hardware
- Contracted Services for Trial Presentation and Video Transcription
- New Forensic Attorney Position
- New IT Discovery Tech Position
- Employee Retention Stipends

Alternate Public Defender:

- Case Management System Software
- Employee Retention Stipends

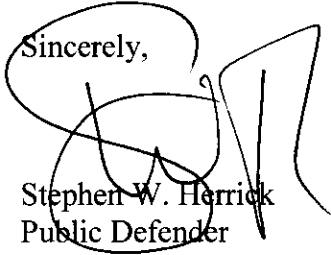
Assigned Counsel Program:

- Case Management System Software
- Contracted Discovery Analysis Services
- Discovery Analysis Software
- New Senior Attorney Position
- Employee Retention Stipends

These direct awards, based on DCJS formulas, cover April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025 and are expected to be recurring. There are no County matches.

If you require any supplemental information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. W. Herrick', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Stephen W. Herrick
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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel