

RESOLUTION NO. 104

AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET: SECOND UPSTATE FAMILY DEFENSE (CHILD WELFARE) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT

Introduced: 3/13/23

By Audit and Finance Committee:

RESOLVED, By Resolution No. 529 for 2022, this Honorable Body authorized the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) regarding the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant in the amount of \$750,000 for a term commencing February 1, 2023 and ending January 31, 2026, and,

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the ILS regarding the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant in the amount of \$238,556 for a term commencing February 1, 2024 and ending January 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that the grant funding at roughly \$250,000 per year for the three-year term, will be utilized to hire an attorney for the Public Defender's Office, a Social Worker for the Conflict Defender's Office, and to assist Assigned Counsel's ability to expand pivotal services to those in need as well as reduce the influx in cases received from Family Court, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the ILS regarding the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant in the amount of \$238,556 for a term commencing February 1, 2023 and ending January 31, 2024, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2023 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as indicated on the budget amendment spreadsheet annexed hereto, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

