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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Public Defender's Office respectfully submits a request for Legislative action to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the Aid to Defense Program. The Aid to Defense Program funds enhanced defense services designed to expedite the processing of serious and violent felony cases through the courts. The grant is for a 12 month period beginning April 1, 2022 in the amount of \$42,738. This is a recurring, direct award based on a DCJS formula, and there is no County match.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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