



# County of Albany

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## Legislation Text

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### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):**

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING THE FOURTH COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT

Date: 4/18/23  
Submitted By: Keith Bulatao  
Department: Public Defender  
Title: Fiscal Officer/Grants Manager  
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Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Stephen Herrick/Tina Sodhi/Keith Bulatao

**Purpose of Request:**

- ☐ Adopting of Local Law
- ☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
- ☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- ☐ Bond Approval
- ☐ Budget Amendment
- ☒ Contract Authorization
- ☐ Countywide Services
- ☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
- ☐ Home Rule Request
- ☐ Property Conveyance
- ☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- ☐ Contractual
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Fringe
- ☐ Personnel

- ☐ Personnel Non-Individual  
☐ Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

#### **Type of Contract:**

- ☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment  
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)  
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)  
☐ Requirements  
☐ Professional Services  
☐ Education/Training  
☒ Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- ☐ Settlement of a Claim  
☐ Release of Liability  
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contract Terms/Conditions:**

##### **Party (Name/address):**

NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services  
A. E. Smith Building, 11th Floor 80 South Swan Street Albany, NY 12210

##### **Additional Parties (Names/addresses):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$749,700  
Scope of Services: To make demonstrable and measurable improvements in the delivery of indigent defense services to eligible persons at a defendant's first court appearance before a judge.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒  
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A.1170.0.3337 (Counsel at 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance)

Revenue Amount: \$249,900.00

Appropriation Account and Line: A.1170.1.9954

Appropriation Amount: \$249,900.00

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: 100%

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2025

Length of Contract: 3 years

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 22-074

Date of Adoption: 3/14/22

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Public Defender's Office requests authorization of the Fourth Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA 4) grant contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. The grant provides resources needed to provide legal representation at arraignment 24/7 for any indigent individuals arrested. CAFA 4 will allow the County to continue to provide services that were previously provided by CAFA 1, CAFA 2, and CAFA 3. Spending under CAFA 4 will not begin until calendar year 2025 because there was a two-year delay in CAFA implementation at its onset.