



# 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):**

Authorization to accept Third Upstate Quality Improvement (UQI 3) Grant from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services

Date: 11/17/2021  
Submitted By: Stephen Herrick  
Department: Office of the Public Defender  
Title: Public Defender  
Phone: 518-447-7153  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Stephen Herrick

**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

Acceptance

Submission Date Deadline N/A

- ☐ 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):**

Office of Indigent Legal Services  
E. Smith Office Bldg., 11th Floor  
80 South Swan St.  
Albany, NY 12210

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$300,000  
Scope of Services: Continuation of UQI2 grant. Provides salary support to Public Defender staff.

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: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

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) June 2020 - June 2023

Length of Contract: 36 months

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: 2019 - 30

Date of Adoption: 2/11/2019

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

The Public Defender's Office requests authorization to accept the Third Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. The grant award is intended to allow Albany County to continue the programs currently funded by the 2nd Upstate grant contract, for which funding was exhausted in 2021. The Third Upstate Quality Improvement grant has a 3 year term from June 2020 through June 2023. However the Public Defender's Office was not able to spend down this grant until the Second Upstate Quality Improvement grant was expended, which is why the start date is delayed. This grant is in the amount of \$300,000, approximately \$100,000 annually and provides salary support to Public Defender Office staff. This was anticipated in the 2022 County budget.