



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):

Request to apply for NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare)
Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction grant

Date: 9/7/2021
Submitted By: Patrick Alderson
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Attending Meeting: Patrick Alderson

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

New

Submission Date Deadline 9/17/2021

- ☐ 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
Alfred E. Smith Building, 11th Floor
80 S Swan St, Suite # 1147
Albany, NY 12210

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: The maximum amount to be awarded is \$500,000.00 (\$166,666.66 per year for three years).

Scope of Services: Improve the quality of indigent parental representation in child maltreatment cases by developing a program/practice including pre-petition access to counsel, integration of non-attorney professionals such as social workers and parent advocates, and other specialized training opportunities.

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) 12/2021-11/2024 (anticipated)
Length of Contract: 3 years or 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: n/a
Date of Adoption: n/a

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The County Executive's Office, on behalf of the Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, and Assigned Counsel Program, requests authorization to apply for the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS)' Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction grant. This grant would provide funding to improve the quality of representation to parents accused of child maltreatment who cannot afford to retain counsel by developing a program/practice including pre-petition access to counsel, integration of non-attorney professionals such as social workers and parent advocates, and other specialized training opportunities. Should the application be successful, the maximum amount to be awarded to any county is \$500,000.00 (\$166,666.66 per year for three years). There is no funding match or any other cost to the county to participate in this project.