



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 Second Upstate Model Family Representation Office Grant

Date: 5/4/21
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 5/24/2021

- ☐ 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: \$2,610,417

Scope of Services: Establishment of a model Family Representation Office to provide legal representation to parents in child protective proceedings under New York Family Court Act Article 10 and termination of parental rights proceedings.

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) 10/2021- 09/2024

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: 2019-268

Date of Adoption: 07/08/2019

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)' Second Upstate Model Family Representation Office grant. This demonstration project seeks to create a client-centered, interdisciplinary, and holistic parental law office that provides parental representation and other wraparound legal and social services through all phases of a CPS (Child Protective Services) matter. The proposed Family Representation Office would follow the "family defense" model, in which attorneys, social workers, parent advocates, paralegals, investigators, and experts work as a team to help clients achieve overall permanency, reunification, and guardianship more quickly when appropriate. Implementation is expected to improve the overall quality of parental representation, and thus, outcomes for child welfare involved children - working to ensure that the level of trauma each family incurs via their contact with the child welfare system is minimized. There is no funding match or any other cost to the county to participate in this project.