

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislators Calarco, Browning, Spencer, Gregory

RESOLUTION NO. 505 -2014, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$747,000 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE ENHANCED DEFENSE REPRESENTATION FOR DEFENDANT’S FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE A JUDGE ASSIGNED TO THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEFENDER PLAN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY - LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION INDIGENT DEFENSE WITH 100% SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the State of New York Office of Indigent Legal Services has made \$747,000 available to Suffolk County to make demonstrable and measurable improvements in the delivery of indigent defense services to eligible persons at a defendant’s first appearance before a judge (the Program) as assigned to the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Bar Association Indigent Defense, and

WHEREAS, subject to any extensions approved by the County and the State, the operational period of the Program will be in effect for a term of three years, from June 1, 2013, through May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds totaling \$747,000 are to be divided into three equal amounts of \$249,000.00 each year for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 of the Program; and

WHEREAS, of the total grant funds the amount awarded for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County totals \$495,000 divided into three equal amounts of \$165,000 each year for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 of the Program; and

WHEREAS, of the total grant funds the amount awarded for the Suffolk County Bar Association Indigent Defense totals \$252,000 divided into three equal amounts of \$84,000.00 each year for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 of the Program; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds for the period have not been included in the 2014 Suffolk County Operating Budget; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller and County Treasurer be and they hereby are authorized to accept and appropriate said grant funds in the sum of \$747,000 as follows;

<u>REVENUES:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>		<u>\$747,000</u>

001-1173(unit)-3215(revenue)	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	\$495,000
001-1191(unit)-3215(revenue)	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	\$252,000

<u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>		<u>\$747,000</u>

ILS Fund 1st Appearance (2013–2016)
001-LAS-1173

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$495,000</u>
4770-Special Services	\$495,000

ILS Fund 1st Appearance (2013–2016)
001-LAW-1191

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$252,000</u>
4770-Special Services	\$252,000

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute a grant agreement between Suffolk County and the State of New York and to execute agreements between Suffolk County and the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and also Suffolk County and the Assigned Counsel Defender Plan of Suffolk County to carry out the Program as outlined in the grant agreement with New York State.

DATED: June 17, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: July 1, 2014