

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

RESOLUTION NO. 567 -2014, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,106,258 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE ENHANCED DEFENSE REPRESENTATION FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO THE 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 \$2,106,258 available to Suffolk County to improve the quality of indigent legal services provided under Article 18-B of the County Law (the Program) 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 \$2,106,258 are to be divided into three equal amounts of \$702,086 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 \$1,674,258 divided into three equal amounts of \$558,086 each year for Year , 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 \$432,000 divided into three equal amounts of \$144,000 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 \$2,106,258 as follows:

<u>REVENUES:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
001-1174(unit) - 3215(revenue)	State Aid - Indigent Legal Services	\$1,674,258
001-1192(unit) - 3215(revenue)	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	\$ 432,000

ORGANIZATIONS:

ILS Fund Improve Legal Services 2013 - 2016
001-LAS-1174

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,674,258</u>
4770-Special Services	\$1,674,258

ILS Fund Improve Legal Services 2013 - 2016
001-LAW-1192

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 432,000</u>
4770-Special Services	\$ 432,000

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 between Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Bar Association Indigent Defense Plan to carry out the Program as outlined in the grant agreement with New York State.

DATED: June 17, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 24, 2014