

**RESOLUTION NO. 924 -2014, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,526 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES UNDER THE UPSTATE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENT TO INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY SUFFOLK COUNTY THROUGH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEFENDER PLAN WITH 100% SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York Office of Indigent Legal Services has made \$299,526 available to Suffolk County to improve the quality mandated indigent legal representation and to reduce excessive caseloads in indigent legal service provider programs as assigned to the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Bar Association Assigned Counsel Defender Plan of Suffolk County; 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 January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant funds totaling \$299,526 are to be divided into three equal amounts of \$99,842 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 \$150,000 divided into three equal amounts of \$50,000 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 \$149,526 divided into three equal amounts of \$49,842.00 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 \$299,526 as follows;

<u>REVENUES:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$299,526</u>
001-1196(unit)-3215(revenue)State Aid-Indigent Legal Services	\$150,000
001-1197(unit)-3215(revenue)State Aid-Indigent Legal Services	\$149,526
 <u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>	 <u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$299,526</u>

ILS Fund Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction  
001-LAS-1196

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
4770-Special Services	\$150,000

ILS Fund Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction  
001-LAW-1197

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$149,526</u>
4770-Special Services	\$149,526

and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **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: November 18, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: November 28, 2014