

RESOLUTION NO. 901 -2015, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,212,513 FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 18-B OF THE COUNTY LAW BY 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 \$4,212,513 available to Suffolk County to improve the quality of indigent legal services provided under Article 18-B of the County Law to the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Bar Association Assigned Counsel Defender Plan; 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, 2015, through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds totaling \$4,212,513 are to be divided into three amounts of \$1,404,169 for Year 1, \$1,404,172 for Year 2 and \$1,404,172 for Year 3 of the Program; and

WHEREAS, of the total grant funds the amount awarded for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County totals \$2,932,075 divided into three amounts of \$983,169 for Year 1, \$977,392 for Year 2 and \$971,514 for Year 3 of the Program; and

WHEREAS, of the total grant funds the amount awarded for the Suffolk County Bar Association Assigned Counsel Defender Plan totals \$1,280,438 divided into three amounts of \$421,000 for Year 1, \$426,780 for Year 2 and \$432,658 for Year 3 of the Program; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds for the period have not been included in the 2015 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 \$4,212,513 as follows;

<u>REVENUES:</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
001-1198(unit)-3215(revenue)	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	\$2,932,075
001-1199(unit)-3215(revenue)	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	\$1,280,438

ORGANIZATIONS:

ILSF Grant 2015-2017 Distribution 5
001-LAS-1198

<u>4000 - Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 2,932,075</u>
4770 - Special Services	\$ 2,932,075

ILSF Grant 2015-2017 Distribution 5
001-LAW-1199

<u>4000 - Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 1,280,438</u>
4770 - Special Services	\$ 1,280,438

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 an agreement between Suffolk County and the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County to carry out the Program as outlined in the grant agreement with New York State.

DATED: November 17, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 2, 2015