

Amending The 2023 County Budget To Create A Full-Time Family Court Assistant Public Defender Position – Public Defender’s Office

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Uchitelle and Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, and Lopez), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Abe Uchitelle, and Deputy Chair Gina Hansut offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the Acting County Executive on behalf of the Public Defender’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s Office provides legal representation to indigent legal defendants; and

WHEREAS, the position of Assistant Public Defender will be responsible for representing indigent clients in family cases in all Ulster County courts from arraignment through resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Assistant Public Defender position will have an annual salary of \$80,625; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Public Defender requests the 2023 Ulster County Budget be amended to include one additional Assistant Public Defender position; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Public Defender position and associated fringe benefits will be funded (by reimbursement) by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (NYSOILS) Distribution #11 grant (Contract #C110051); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the NYSOILS Distribution #11 grant is to improve the quality of mandated indigent legal representation and to reduce excessive caseloads in indigent legal service provider programs; and

WHEREAS, in order to reflect this, an amendment of the 2023 budget is necessary; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

CREATE

<u>POSITION #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1170-1242	Assistant Public Defender	\$ 80,625.00

Resolution No. 659 December 19, 2022

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	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-1170-1046-1300-1300 (App. #)	Regular Pay	\$ 80,625.00
AA-1170-1046-8000-8000 (App.#)	Retirement	\$ 11,126.00
AA-1170-1046-8010-8010 (App.#)	Social Security	\$ 6,168.00
AA-1170-1046-8020-8035 (App.#)	Health Insurance	\$ 23,567.00
AA-1170-1046-3300-3025	SA, Indigent Legal Svcs	\$121,486.00,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on December 8, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on December 13, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$121,486.00 – ADDITIONAL 2023 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$121,486.00 – ADDITIONAL 2023 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

