



OFFICE OF THE ERIE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FRANK A. SEDITA, III
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

September 18, 2014

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

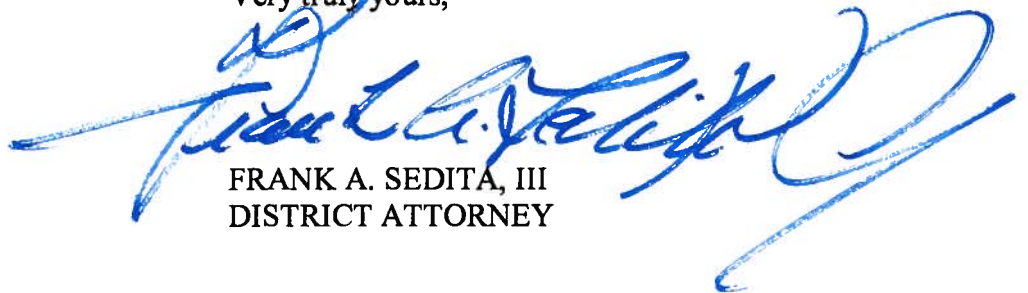
Re: District Attorney's Office
Victim Witness Assistance Grant – Personnel Change
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the District Attorney's Office requesting a position changes and budget revisions in the Victim Witness Assistance Grant Budget.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this matter. If your Honorable Body requires any further information, kindly contact the Office of the District and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

Very truly yours,



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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Erie County Legislature
From: Frank A. Sedita, III, District Attorney
Date: September 18, 2014
Re: Victim Witness Assistance Grant
Immediate Consideration Requested

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum request authorization to reallocate funds and upgrades two positions in the Victim Witness Assistance Grant for the 2014 to 2015 grant year, in accordance with the final approved grantor contract.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the approved 2014 Erie County District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Grant budget are being reallocated to properly reflect the increased spending levels approved by the grantor. There will be a savings of county tax dollars of \$28,632.

III. Reason for Recommendation and Background of Proposal

As a result of a successful grant application submitted to NYS Office of Victim Services, our Office was recently notified that we have been awarded three-year funding levels higher than those received in previous years. NYS OVS has awarded the District Attorney's Office \$382,500 for 2014-2015; \$387,175 for 2015-2016; and \$378,675 for 2016-2017 for our Victim Witness Assistance Program. Part of our grant proposal included the upgrade of our V/W Case Aide and V/W Case Aide-Spanish Speaking from a JG4 to JG5. Since our proposal and increased funding levels have been awarded, we are requesting the upgrades to those two positions. The grant award also includes the funding of overtime costs associated with our ECMC Violent Crime Intervention Project. The increased funding levels allow us to make the above noted changes as well as account for the necessary salary increases resulting from the recently ratified CSEA Union contract, and still net a county share savings of approximately \$28,000.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

This recommendation will allow the Victim Witness Assistance Grant amounts as listed in the 2014 Budget Book B to be realigned with the final grantor approved appropriation levels. Failure to approve this request could result in the diminished effect of the Victim Witness Assistance Program for the residents of Erie County.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

The District Attorney's Office will work with the Division of Budget and Finance to implement this proposal.

Frank A. Sedita, III
District Attorney

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: District Attorney’s Office
Victim Witness Assistance Grant
Immediate Consideration Requested

WHEREAS, the District Attorney through the Victim Witness Assistance Grant provides needed services to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already approved the District Attorney’s Victim Witness Assistance Grant Budget in Book B for 2014; and

WHEREAS, the contract received from the New York State Division of Office of Victim Services authorizes positions and funding levels different from the adopted budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that effective October 1, 2014, authorization is hereby provided to upgrade position #10388, Victim/Witness Case Aide (B100 #7839) and position #10387, Victim/Witness Case Aide-Spanish Speaking (B100 #7480) from a JG4 to JG5; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby provide authorization to reallocate funds within the Victim Witness Assistance Grant to match authorized state funding levels, to be adjusted as follows:

VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT
114VICTIMWTNSS1415
October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
414000 Federal Revenue	\$ 300,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 382,500
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>206,407</u>	<u>(28,632)</u>	<u>177,775</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 506,407</u>	<u>\$ 53,868</u>	<u>\$560,275</u>

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
<u>Appropriation</u>			
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 314,598	\$ 15,488	\$ 330,086
500350 Other Employee Payments	1,820	- 0 -	1,820
501000 Overtime	3,500	4,000	7,500
502000 Fringe Benefits	204,489	32,105	236 594
510000 Local Mileage Reimbursement	2,000	1,000	3,000
510100 Out of Area Travel	- 0 -	1,275	1,275
516020 Professional Fees	5,000	- 0 -	5,000
911490 ID DA Grant Services	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>

Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 506,407</u>	<u>\$ 53,868</u>	<u>\$ 560,275</u>
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that during the grant fiscal year, the Director of Budget and Finance is hereby authorized to adjust budgets to comply with grantor approved funding levels, including interdepartmental billing adjustments, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, Erie County Personnel and the Director of Budget and Management.