



OFFICE OF THE ERIE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FRANK A. SEDITA, III
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

August 31, 2015

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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 new position and budget revisions in the Victim Witness Assistance Grant Budget due to increased funding levels.

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,

FRANK A. SEDITA, III
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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Erie County Legislature
From: Frank A. Sedita, III, District Attorney
Date: August 31, 2015
Re: Victim Witness Assistance Grant
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I. Summary of Recommended Action

The proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum request authorization to reallocate funds and add one position of Victim/Witness Case Aide to the Victim Witness Assistance Grant for the 2015 to 2016 grant year, in accordance with the final approved grantor contract.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the approved 2015 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 no additional cost to county taxpayers.

III. Reason for Recommendation and Background of Proposal

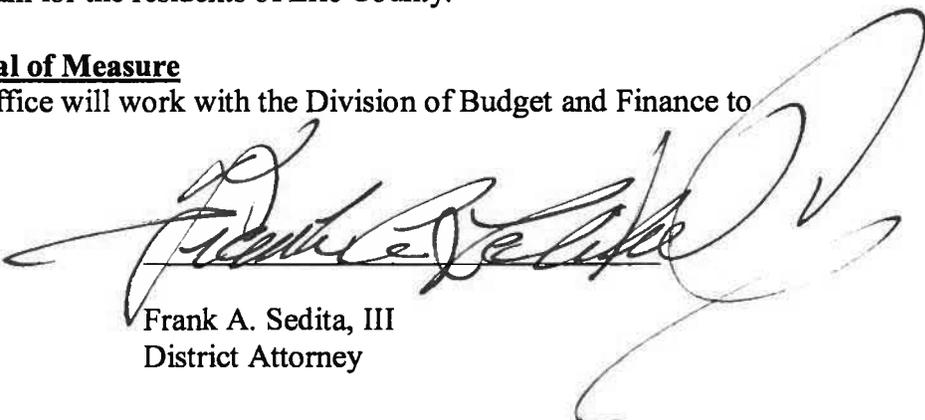
Our office currently receives funding for our Victim Witness Assistance Program through the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS). As the second year of a three year award, our office was to receive \$387,175 for the ensuing 2015-2016 grant fiscal year. As part of our annual renewal, we were notified by OVS that due to an increase in the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, our award was increased to \$455,500. This increase of \$68,325 will allow us to add an additional Victim Witness Case Aide to our program. Adding this additional Aide will allow our advocates to better serve the needs of victims out in the Justice Courts. The additional funding will also allow us to support the costs of the existing program, such as the high fringe benefit costs associated with grant personnel, while incurring no additional county share. This grant award requires a 20% match.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

This recommendation will allow the Victim Witness Assistance Grant amounts as listed in the 2015 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
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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 2015; 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, 2015, authorization is hereby provided to add one position of Victim/Witness Case Aide JG 5 (B100 #8389); 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
114VICTIMWTNSS1516
October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
414000 Federal Revenue	\$ 387,175	\$ 68,325	\$ 455,500
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>178,357</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>178,357</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 565,532</u>	<u>\$ 68,325</u>	<u>\$633,857</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
<u>Appropriation</u>			
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 340,305	\$ 29,598	\$ 369,903
500350 Other Employee Payments	1,820	- 0 -	1,820
501000 Overtime	7,500	1,500	9,000
502000 Fringe Benefits	231,407	33,207	264,614
510000 Local Mileage Reimbursement	3,000	3,000	6,000
510100 Out of Area Travel	500	1,020	1,520
516020 Professional Fees	6,000	- 0 -	6,000
911490 ID DA Grant Services	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 565,532</u>	<u>\$ 68,325</u>	<u>\$ 633,857</u>

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.