



Agenda Item

File #: 23-0189

Requested Agenda Date:

2/28/2023

Requested Agenda Title:

Budget Adjustment: Indigent Legal Services requests \$125,000 to fund a contract with a private defense attorney to replace the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association (LDA) due to a conflict of interest.

Requested Agenda Item Description: Salt Lake Legal Defender Association (LDA), County's primary adult criminal defense services provider, was originally appointed by the court for an aggravated murder case, State v Christopher. However, the judge has found that a conflict of interest exists and has ordered that LDA withdraw, and that a conflict council be appointed. Salt Lake County is statutorily obligated to provide legal representation in these cases.

This one time request is to fund a contract with a private defense attorney to step in and replace LDA through the trial or other resolution of the case.

Requested Action: Discussion - Vote Needed

Presenter(s) (with titles): Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst

Time Needed: Less than 5 MINS

Is this Item Time-Sensitive and/or Requesting a Time-Certain? No

Requesting Staff Member: Karen Crompton, Department Director - Human Services

Are Supporting Documents Needed for this Agenda Item Request? Yes