



Agenda Item

File #: 22-0284

Requested Agenda Date:

3/29/2022

Requested Agenda Title:

Budget Adjustment: Indigent Legal Services Request for \$926,000 to Address Caseload Backlog

Requested Agenda Item Description: Council approved this ARPA project on March 8, 2022, to allocate funds for Indigent Legal Services' (ILS) to address the caseload issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the legal review, this project is suitable for SLFRF EC 3.4 "Public Sector Capacity-Effective Services Delivery". ILS will use the funds to contract with its three primary providers - LDA in the adult criminal defense, UJDA in the juvenile defense and Lokken in the parental defense. The providers will use the funds to hire additional FTEs to handle the backlog cases and much needed social services for clients, which will help attorneys focusing on actual legal defense matters.

The funds will be broken down as the following:

LDA 3-year budget is \$1,894,722 to fund 3 attorneys, 1 legal assistant, 1 social worker, 1 investigator, and 1 data analyst.

UJDA 3-year budget is \$555K to fund 2 social workers.

Lokken 3-year budget is \$384K to fund 2 social workers.

Requested Action: Discussion - Vote Needed

Presenter(s) (with titles): Brad Kendrick 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, Dept. Director, Human Services

Are Supporting Documents Needed for this Agenda Item Request? Yes

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