

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Authorize submission of FY 23-24 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Application

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY23-24 NYS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISCOVERY REFORM APPLICATION AND PROGRAM MATERIAL REQUESTING FUNDING AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD AND ENTERING INTO AN AWARD AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (“DCJS”) has made available \$40 million in funding under FY23 -24 to Counties outside of New York City, with maximum award amounts determined based on each County’s prorated share of criminal court arraignments statewide, to support local law enforcement agencies with expenses related to the implementation of discovery and pretrial reforms that took effect January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the funding is contingent upon the submission of application and plan material, and subsequent DCJS approval of a Discovery Reform Funding Plan submitted to DCJS by the County and in collaboration with the District Attorney Office and Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, County of Sullivan is eligible to receive an award no greater than funding allocated in the amount of \$342,510.00, to be split amongst the Sullivan County District Attorney Office receiving 67% (\$229,481.70), and the Sullivan County Probation Department receiving the 33% balance (\$113,028.30); and

WHEREAS, County of Sullivan desires to submit eligible expenses for reimbursement under the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform program in an amount no greater than \$342,510.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and / or their authorized representative (*as required by the funding source*) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the application for funding, the County’s Discovery Reform Plan material inclusive of letters of approval from the County Legislative Chairperson; and letters of support from the County District Attorney and Probation Director prior to the established deadline date of March 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, and / or Chairman of the County Legislature (*as required by the funding source*) to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.