

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
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(ID # 7536)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approve and Direct the Auditor Controller to Adjust the Budget According to the Schedule A for Indigent Defense Contract Attorneys, All Districts. [\$946,754 Total - General Fund Contingency 100%] (4/5 Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and Direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustments on the Attached Schedule A in the amount of \$946,754 using General Fund Contingency to pay the remaining FY 17/18 balance of Indigent Defense Contract Attorneys.

ACTION: (4/5 Vote Required) 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

Jeff Van Wageningen, Assistant CEO / Public Safety 7/11/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Ashley
Date: July 31, 2018
xc: EO, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$946,754	\$	\$946,754	\$
NET COUNTY COST	\$946,754	\$	\$946,754	\$
SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund Contingency 100%			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	17/18

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Executive Office oversees various agreements with contract attorneys for Indigent Defense. Payments are made on a monthly basis to the Law Offices of Barbara Brand, Juvenile Defense Panel, Criminal Defense Lawyers, Virginia Blumenthal and Brown, White, and Osborn, per the terms of the agreements. In FY 16/17, the payments for June were not properly recorded in the correct fiscal year and were expended in FY 17/18. This resulted in the need for a budget adjustment to cover the May payment for one attorney in the amount of \$146,458 and the June payments for all contracts for the current year. The average monthly cost is \$720,296. The additional \$80,000 will cover any court appointed counsel, expert witnesses, and investigators related to Indigent Defense that may be billed for the month of June.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The Indigent Defense Program provides legal defense services to the impoverished as directed by the court in criminal, juvenile, and probate matters. Contract attorneys provide assistance when the Public Defender declares a representation conflict.

Additional Fiscal Information

The total request of \$946,754 will cover the cost of one remaining invoice for a contract attorney for the month of May in the amount of \$146,458, the average of \$720,296 for all contract attorneys for the month of June and \$80,000 for any court appointed counsel, expert witnesses or investigators related to Indigent Defense.

ATTACHMENTS:

SCHEDULE A.

SCHEDULE A
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Increase appropriations:

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10000-1109900000-525020	Legal services	\$946,754
Anticipated use of fund balance: 10000-1109900000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	946,754
Decrease appropriations: 10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriation for Contingencies	946,754
Anticipated increase in fund balance: 10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	946,754


Sandy Armijo 7/11/2018