



Community Safety and Justice

Nicole Gorle

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF:2025-1328

Motion: 25-215

Type:

- ☒ Contract
☐ Board Appt.
☐ Code Amendment
☐ Budget Action
☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☐ Normal
☒ Expedite – 5.15.25
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☒ General Fund
☐ Other
☐ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Subject: Amendment #1 - Indigent Defense Contract – Tamara Gaffney

Scope: This amendment would:

1. Adds \$350k of authority to the contract.
2. Replace section 2 “Scope of Services to be Performed”. The change here is the removal of reference to the case number and order by the court for this counsel.
3. Removes Schedule C from the contract.

Duration: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026

Fiscal Impact: ☒ Current Year ☐ Future-Year ☐ N/A

The new do not exceed amount is \$400,000.

Expenditures	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Fund 002	\$350,000					\$350,000
Total's	\$350,000					\$350,000

Revenue	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Total's						

Authority Granted: Authorizes the Executive to execute the contract and all future amendments.

Background: In accordance with [SCC 3.04.140\(2\)](#) the Executive executed a contract on January 23, 2025 with [Tamara Gaffney at Gaffney-Lacey, PLLC](#) to serve as co-counsel in the Picard murder case with a do not exceed amount of \$50,000. The Office of Public Defense is requesting to increase this contract amount, exceeding the Executive’s contract authority and triggering the need for Council action.

Requested Action: Move to GLS May 15th for consideration.