



February 14, 2019

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The Honorable KP George
Fort Bend County Judge
Via Email: county.judge@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Dear Judge George:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Fort Bend County a formula grant in the amount of **\$592,145**. The ***FY19 Formula Grant Statement of Grant Award*** is attached. **The Statement of Grant Award includes special conditions. Please note that we cannot disburse funds until these conditions have been met.** The resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court and submitted with the application is considered your county's acceptance of the grant terms. The award will be disbursed through four quarterly payments beginning in February 2019.

The Commission works together with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide. On behalf of the Commission, I commend Fort Bend County for its efforts in these areas. If you have any questions or need clarification about the Commission's grant programs, please call Edwin Colfax, Grant Program Manager, at 1-866-499-0656.

Sincerely,

Sharon Keller
Chair, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

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TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION
Statement of Grant Award
FY19 Formula Grant

Date Issued: February 14, 2019
Grant Number: 212-19-079
Grantee Name: Fort Bend County
Program Title: Formula Grant Program
Grant Period: 10/01/2018-9/30/2019
Grant Award Amount: **\$592,145**

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (Commission) has awarded the above-referenced grant for indigent defense services. Formula Grants are provided by the Commission to meet its statutory mandates and to promote Texas counties' compliance with standards adopted by the Commission.

Grant Calculation

- The sum of \$5,000 plus;
- A calculation applied to the funds budgeted for FY2019 formula grants by the Commission based:
 - 50 percent on the County's percent of state population; and
 - 50 percent on the County's percent of statewide FY 2018 direct indigent defense expenditures (as defined in Title 1, Part 8, Texas Administrative Code Sec. 173.202(1)-(3)):
 - less discretionary funds provided by the Commission for expenditures defined in Title 1, Part 8, Texas Administrative Code Sec. 173.202(1)-(3)
 - less the reimbursed costs of operating a regional program
 - The baseline requirements contained in the Request for Applications do not apply to counties with a 2000 Census population of less than 10,000 but do apply to all other counties.
- The County shall not receive more in funds than what was actually spent by the county in the prior year.

Standard Grant Conditions:

- The authorized official for the grantee accepts the grant award.
- The authorized official, financial officer, and program director, referred to below as grant officials, agree to the terms of the grant as written in the FY19 Formula Grant Program Request for Applications issued in September 2019, including the rules and documents adopted by reference in the Commission on Indigent Defense's Grant Rules in Title 1, Part 8, Chapter 173, Texas Administrative Code.
- The grant officials understand that a violation of any term of the grant may result in the Commission placing a temporary hold on grant funds, permanently de-obligating all or part of the grant funds, requiring reimbursement for funds already spent, or barring the organization from receiving future grants.
- Disbursement of funds is always subject to the availability of funds.
- Any plan documents submitted to the Commission must continue to meet all grant eligibility requirements.

Special Grant Conditions:

The grant officials understand that they must satisfy all special conditions placed on this grant if indicated below before receiving any funds:

- The judges hearing criminal matters and the juvenile board in the county must submit their indigent defense plan(s) to meet all requirements of the 2017 Biennial Indigent Defense Plan Submission process as required by Government Code §79.036. The following plan(s) level marked by an “X” do not currently meet all plan requirements:

District Court Plan

County Court Plan

Juvenile Board Plan