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June 1, 2023

The Honorable KP George Fort Bend County Judge

Via Email: county.judge@fortbendcountytx.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 \$490,090. The **FY23 Formula Grant Statement of Grant Award** is attached. The resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court and submitted with the application is considered your county's acceptance of the grant terms.

Formula Grant awards over \$25,000 will be disbursed in quarterly payments beginning June 2023. Please note that the first and second quarter payments may be combined.

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 reach out to the TIDC Funding Team at Grants@TIDC.Texas.Gov or 1-866-499-0656.

Sincerely,

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

Cc: ed.sturdivant@fortbendcountytx.gov



Statement of Grant Award

FY23 Formula Grant

Date Issued: June 1, 2023 Grant Number: 212-23-079

Grantee Name: Fort Bend County

Program Title: Formula Grant Program Grant Period: 10/01/2022-9/30/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$490,090

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 \$15,000 plus;
- A calculation applied to the funds budgeted for FY2022 formula grants by the Commission based:
 - o 50 percent on the County's percent of state population; and
 - o 50 percent on the County's percent of statewide FY 2021 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 FY23 Formula Grant Program Request for Applications issued in September 2022, 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.