

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**FORT BEND COUNTY      FY 2009**  
**COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
 Return Completed Form to: Agenda Coordinator, County Judge's Office

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Date Submitted: 8/5/2009

Submitted By: Ed Sturdivant  
 Department: Auditor's Office  
 Telephone: 281-341-3769

Court Date: 08/11/2009

**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Deliberate and take all appropriate action to accept the FY2009 Formula Grant from the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense in the amount of \$231,589 with no match required by the County.

Renewal Agreement/Appointment:                      YES                       NO

Reviewed by County Attorney's Office:                      YES                       NO

List Supporting Documents Attached: 2009 Fort Bend County Resolution

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

Budgeted Item:    YES     NO

Funding Source: n/a

Requires Auditor to Certify Funds:                      YES     NO

**Instructions for submitting an Agenda Request:**

- Completely fill out agenda form: incomplete forms will not be processed.
- Agenda Request Forms may be submitted by e-mail, fax, or inter-office mail, and all information must be provided by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. to all departments listed below.
- Original back-up must be received in County Judge's Office by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

**Original Form** Submitted with back up to County Judge's Office:  (✓ when completed)

If by E-Mail to [ospindon@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:ospindon@co.fort-bend.tx.us)                      If by Fax to: (281) 341-8609

Distribute copies with back-up to all listed below. If by fax, send to the numbers below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Technology | (281-341-4526) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk | (281-341-8697) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                      |                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Atty  | (281-341-4557) |

**Recommendation:**

Special Handling: Please return signed original to Amy Hartman in the Auditor's Office.

8-13-09      copy received



**TEXAS TASK FORCE ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**  
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August 4, 2009

Honorable Robert E Hebert  
Fort Bend County  
301 Jackson  
Richmond, TX 77469

Dear Judge Hebert:

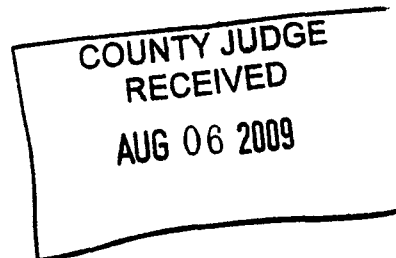
On December 12, 2008 the Task Force on Indigent Defense awarded Fort Bend County a formula grant in the amount of \$231,589.00. In order to accept the grant award, the authorized official is required to sign and return the *Statement of Grant Award*, which was mailed to your county on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **However, our records show that we have not received the Statement of Grant Award** for Fort Bend County and therefore have not disbursed any of the formula grant funds.

Please have the authorized official sign the Statement of Grant Award (attached) and return it via fax to Whitney Stark at (512) 475-3450 as soon as possible. You do not need to mail the original. **Please make note that we cannot disburse funds until the signed Grant Award Statement is received.**

Please contact Whitney Stark at the Task Force office, toll free in Texas at (866) 499-0656 or (512) 936-6996 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Whitney Stark  
Grant Administrator  
Task Force on Indigent Defense



**Task Force on Indigent Defense  
Statement of Grant Award  
FY2009 Formula Grant**

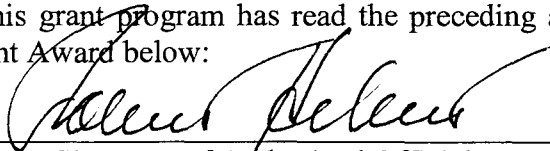
Grant Number: 212-09-079  
Grantee Name: Fort Bend County  
Program Title: Indigent Defense Services  
Grant Period: 10/01/2008-9/30/2009  
Grant Award Amount: The sum of \$5000.00 and .93% of the remaining funds budgeted for FY09 formula grants by the Task Force. Based on the initial funds budgeted, this amount is estimated to be \$231,589.00.

The Task Force on Indigent Defense (Task Force) has awarded the above-referenced grant for indigent defense services. Formula Grants are provided by the Task Force to meet its statutory mandates and to promote Texas counties' compliance with standards adopted by the Task Force. The authorized official named on the grant application must sign this Statement of Grant Award and **return it to the Task Force by February 9, 2009**. The grantee will not receive any grant funds until this notice is executed and returned to the Task Force.

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 Request for Applications issued on August 27, 2008, including the rules and documents adopted by reference in the Task Force 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 Task Force placing a temporary hold on grant funds, permanently deobligating 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 Task Force must continue to meet all grant eligibility requirements.

The authorized official for this grant program has read the preceding and indicates agreement by signing this Statement of Grant Award below:



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Signature of Authorized Official

Robert Hebert, County Judge

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Name & Title (must print or type)

August 11, 2009

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Date

