

FORT BEND COUNTY FY 2009
COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Date Submitted: 09/02/09

Submitted By: Ed Sturdivant
Department: County Auditor
Phone Number: 281 341-3769

Court Agenda Date: 09/08/09

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Take all appropriate action to accept additional funding from the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense in the amount of \$130,707.00 in the form of an equalization disbursement.

RENEWAL AGREEMENT/APPOINTMENT YES NO
REVIEWED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: YES NO

List Supporting Documents Attached: *Letter from Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense*

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

BUDGETED ITEM: YES NO

FUNDNG SOURCE: Accounting Account Number:
Activity (If Applicable):

DESCRIPTION OF LAWSOM ACCOUNT:

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RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Special Handling Requested (specify):



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August 17, 2009

COUNTY JUDGE
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The Honorable Robert E Hebert
~~Fort Bend County Judge~~
301 Jackson
Richmond, TX 77469

Dear Judge Hebert

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense voted to provide an additional payment in the amount of **\$130,707.00** to Fort Bend County in the form of an equalization disbursement. By law these funds must be used to improve the county's indigent defense system. The funds are provided in addition to the amount paid through the Formula Grant Program. Payments are provided under this policy to counties for which the percentage of reimbursement of eligible FY2008 expenses has been particularly low. The county should receive the deposit or warrant by early September 2009.

We encourage the county to use this money to help pay for something on its indigent-defense "wish list" – a project or plan that would have remained unrealized absent this extra funding. Task Force staff will be available to assist counties to implement a new program or replicate a model program.

Congratulations to Fort Bend County for using these funds to improve indigent defense systems in the local jurisdictions. If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Stark, the Task Force Grants Administrator at (512) 936-6996

Sincerely,

Sharon Keller
Chair, Task Force on Indigent Defense
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Copy Honorable Thomas R Culver, III; Honorable Susan Griffin Lowery; Mr. Robert Ed Sturdivant