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AGENDA ITEM 8



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December 21, 2010

The Honorable Robert E Hebert  
Fort Bend County Judge  
Via E- mail: hebertb@co.fort-bend.tx.us

Dear Judge Hebert:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense has awarded Fort Bend County a formula grant estimated to be **\$243,580**. The *Statement of Grant Award FY2011 Formula Grant* is attached. Please have the person designated by your FY11 Formula Grant commissioners' court resolution sign the Statement of Grant Award. Return the signed document via scan and e-mail ([mleighton@txcourts.gov](mailto:mleighton@txcourts.gov)) or **fax to (512) 475-3450**. You do not need to mail the original.

The Task Force works together with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide. On behalf of the Task Force, I congratulate Fort Bend County for its efforts and achievements in these areas. If you have any questions or need clarification on the information contained in this letter, please call Bryan Wilson, Grants Administrator at the Task Force office, toll free in Texas at (866) 499-0656,

Sincerely,

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

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Task Force on Indigent Defense  
Statement of Grant Award  
FY2011 Formula Grant

Grant Number: 212-11-079  
Grantee Name: Fort Bend County  
Program Title: Indigent Defense Services  
Grant Period: 10/01/2010-9/30/2011  
Grant Award Amount: The sum of \$5000.00 and 2.242573% of the remaining funds budgeted for FY11 formula grants by the Task Force. Based on the initial funds budgeted, this amount is estimated to be **\$243,580**.

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 **January 21, 2011**. 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 September 1, 2010, 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.

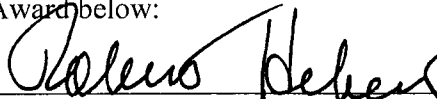
Special Grant Conditions:

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

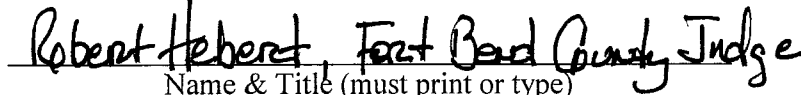
- \_\_\_ The financial officer shall submit by May 1, 2011 an expenditure report showing the indigent defense expenditures by the county from October 1, 2010-March 31, 2011. No funds will be disbursed to the county under the FY 2011 Formula Grant Award until the county demonstrates to the Task Force that it has expended the same amount it expended in its FY 2011 baseline plus a portion of the FY 2011 formula grant funds.

- The county must remit unexpended balances from the FY 2010 Formula Grant in the amount of required to be submitted to the Task Force by February 1, 2011.
- The County must mail or fax to the Task Force the Resolution/Internet Submission Form authorizing the county to apply for the grant. The resolution must have been adopted by the commissioners' court of the county.
- The judges hearing criminal matters and the juvenile board in the county shall amend their indigent defense plan(s) to meet all requirements of the 2009 Biennial Indigent Defense Plan Submission process as required by Government Code §71.0351. The plan level marked by an "X" have not been completely submitted to the Task Force:  District Court Plan  County Court Plan  Juvenile Board Plan
- The Official District/ County Court Monthly Report shall be submitted to the Office of Court Administration unless a waiver has been obtained.

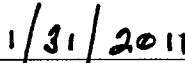
The authorized official for this grant program has read the preceding and indicates agreement by signing this Statement of Grant Award below:



Signature of Authorized Official



Name & Title (must print or type)



Date