



COUNTY JUDGE
Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

April 7, 2015

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Edwin Colfax, Grants Manager
Texas Indigent Defense Commission
209 West 14th Street
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Re: Letter of Intent

Submitted via: ecolfax@tidc.texas.gov

Dear Mr. Colfax:

Fort Bend County submits this Letter of Intent in support of an application for a multi-year discretionary grant to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to establish a Public Defender's Office for the county.

The establishment of a Public Defender's Office is supported by the County Court at Law Administrative Judge Susan Lowery and Council of Judges Administrator Judge James Shoemake. Commissioners Court approval to submit a future application is also attached. Based on 2014 figures for cases proposed to be handled by a public defender, we envision a substantial caseload including misdemeanor and felony cases.

Fort Bend County is a governmental entity and meets the basic eligibility guidelines set forth in the funding announcement.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Hebert", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge