



September 23, 2019

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The Honorable Sharon Keller
Presiding Judge
Court of Criminal Appeals

The Honorable James E. Teal
McMullen County Judge
PO Box 237
Tilden, TX 78072

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Re: FY20 Formula Grant Request for Applications

Dear Judge Teal:

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission announces the FY20 Formula Grant Request for Applications (RFA). **Applications are due November 15, 2019.** The attached packet provides information on what is needed for counties to obtain the FY20 Formula Grant funds. **There are two simple steps to apply for your formula grant:**

1. Commissioners Court should adopt the attached FY2020 TIDC Formula Grant Resolution.
2. Upload the signed resolution on TIDC's grant website, confirm contact information for county officials, and click the "submit" button.

Step by step instructions are included in the Request for Applications.

To be eligible, the local administrative judges and chairs of Juvenile Boards must submit their biennial indigent defense plans by November 1, 2019 through our on-line system (<https://tidc.tamu.edu>). TIDC staff will continue to work with counties to ensure that all of the statutory and required elements are included in each plan if judges make amendments. Also, county financial officers must submit their Indigent Defense Expense Report by November 1, 2019. Both of these requirements are directed in Texas Government Code §79.036.

This FY20 Formula Grant packet is sent to all 254 constitutional county judges. A courtesy letter will be sent to all local administrative district and statutory county court at law judges and county financial officers informing them of the formula grant program. The Commission adopted Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173 in order to implement the grant authority established by the Texas Legislature. These administrative rules and the attached RFA are available at: www.tidc.texas.gov. The rules and the RFA establish the guidelines for the administration of grant funds and application submission process for FY20.

Please contact Edwin Colfax, Grant Program Manager at ecolfax@tidc.texas.gov or toll free in Texas at (866) 499-0656, if you have any questions about the FY20 Formula Grant Program or the application process.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosed: FY20 Formula Grant RFA, FY2020 Formula Grant Resolution

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2020 McMullen County Resolution
Indigent Defense Grant Program

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Texas Government Code Section 79.037 and Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the county in the implementation and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, McMullen County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, McMullen County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that the County Judge of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 14 day of October, 2019.


James E. Teal
County Judge

Attest: 
County Clerk