



OCT 29 2021
 AT 10:35 O'CLOCK A.M.
 CARLA KERN
 County Clerk, Mitchell County, Texas
 By September 20, 2021 Deputy

CHAIR:
 The Honorable Sharon Keller
 Presiding Judge
 Court of Criminal Appeals

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The Honorable Mark Merrell
 Mitchell County Judge
 349 Oak St., Room 200
 Colorado City, TX 79512

Re: FY2022 Formula Grant Request for Applications

Dear Judge Merrell:

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission announces the FY2022 Formula Grant Request for Applications (RFA). **Applications are due Monday, November 15, 2021.** The attached packet provides information on what is needed for counties to obtain Formula Grant funds. **There are two simple steps to apply for your formula grant:**

1. Commissioners Court should adopt the attached FY2022 TIDC Formula Grant Resolution.
2. Upload the signed resolution on TIDC's grants and reporting website, <https://tidc.tamu.edu>, 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 should have submitted their biennial indigent defense plans by November 1, 2021 through our on-line system. 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, 2021. The reporting manual for county financial officers is available at <http://www.tidc.texas.gov/oversight/submit-data-and-reports/>. Both of these requirements are required by Texas Government Code §79.036.

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.

Please contact Edwin Colfax, Director of Grant Funding at ecolfax@tidc.texas.gov or 512-936-6994, if you have any questions about the Formula Grant Program or the application process.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosed: FY2022 Formula Grant RFA
 FY2022 Formula Grant Resolution

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**2022 Mitchell 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, Mitchell County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Mitchell 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 27~~th~~ day of October, 2021.



Mark Merrell
County Judge

Attest:



County Clerk

