



September 24, 2020

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

The Honorable Leo Hung  
Reeves County Judge  
100 E. 4th Street  
Pecos, TX 79772

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:  
Honorable Sharon Keller  
Honorable Nathan Hecht  
Honorable John Whitmire  
Honorable Brandon Creighton  
Honorable Nicole Collier  
Honorable Reggie Smith  
Honorable Sherry Radack  
Honorable Vivian Torres

**Re: FY2021 Formula Grant Request for Applications**

Dear Judge Hung:

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission announces the FY2021 Formula Grant Request for Applications (RFA). **Applications are due November 15, 2020.** 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:**

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR:  
Mr. Alex Bunin  
Honorable Richard Evans  
Mr. Gonzalo Rios  
Honorable Missy Medary  
Honorable Valerie Covey

1. Commissioners Court should adopt the attached FY2021 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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:  
Geoffrey Burkhart

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, 2019 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, 2020. The reporting manual for county financial officers is available at <http://www.tidc.texas.gov/media/58512/fy20idermanual.pdf>. 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](http://www.tidc.texas.gov).

Please contact Edwin Colfax, Director of Grant Funding at [ecolfax@tidc.texas.gov](mailto: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:** FY2021 Formula Grant RFA  
FY2021 Formula Grant Resolution

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**2021 Reeves 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, Reeves County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Reeves County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

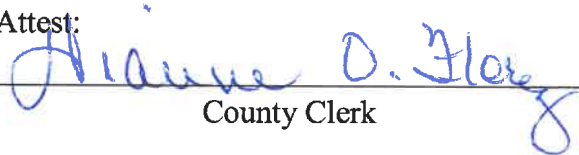
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that the County Judge of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

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

Adopted this 13 day of October, 2020.

  
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Leo Hung  
County Judge

Attest:

  
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County Clerk