## 2016 Schleicher 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, Schleicher County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Schleicher 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 Treasurer is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 23 day of 2

of May 20

Charlie Bradley

Attest:

County Clerk

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February 15, 2016

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

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The Honorable Charlie Bradley Schleicher County Judge Via Email: cbradley1980@gmail.com

Dear Judge Bradley:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Schleicher County a formula grant in the amount of \$8071. The Statement of Grant Award, FY16 Formula Grant is attached. The Resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court submitted with the application is considered your county's acceptance of the grant terms. Please note that this award contains special conditions that must be addressed before payments may be released.

Commission grant funds must be used to improve the county's indigent defense system. Eligible uses include payment of attorney fees, defense investigator costs, expert witness costs, and other direct litigation costs incurred in providing defense representation to indigent defendants or juvenile respondents. We also encourage the county to use this money to help fund indigent defense improvements, such as a project or plan that would have remained unrealized absent this funding.

The Commission works together with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide. On behalf of the Commission, I commend Schleicher County for its efforts in these areas. If you have any questions or need clarification about the Commission's grant programs, please call Edwin Colfax, Grant Program Manager, at 1-866-499-0656.

Sincerely,

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

Texas Indigent Defense Commission

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FY16 Formula Grant

Date Issued: February 15, 2016

Grant Number: 212-16-207

Grantee Name: Schleicher County
Program Title: Formula Grant Program

Grant Period: 10/01/2015-9/30/2016
Estimated TOTAL Grant Award Amount: \$8071

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (Commission) has awarded the above-referenced grant for indigent defense services. Formula Grants are provided by the Commission to meet its statutory mandates and to promote Texas counties' compliance with standards adopted by the Commission.

## **Grant Calculation**

- The sum of \$5,000 plus;
- A calculation applied to the funds budgeted for FY2016 formula grants by the Commission based:
  - o 50 percent on the County's percent of state population; and
  - o 50 percent on the County's percent of statewide FY2015 direct indigent defense expenditures (as defined in Title 1, Part 8, Texas Administrative Code Sec. 173.202(1)-(3)):
    - less discretionary funds provided by the Commission for expenditures defined in Title
       1, Part 8, Texas Administrative Code Sec. 173.202(1)-(3)
    - less the reimbursed costs of operating a regional program
    - The baseline requirements contained in the Request for Applications do not apply to counties with a 2000 Census population of less than 10,000 but do apply to all other counties.
- The County shall not receive more in funds than what was actually spent by the county in the prior year.

## **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 FY16 Formula Grant Program Request for Applications issued on September 15, 2015, including the rules and documents adopted by reference in the Commission 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 Commission
  placing a temporary hold on grant funds, permanently de-obligating 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 Commission 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:

- 1. The judges hearing criminal matters and the juvenile board in the county shall complete the 2015 Biennial Indigent Defense Plan Submission process as required by Texas Government Code §79.036. The plan level(s) marked by an "X" have not been completely submitted to the Commission:
  - District Court Plan: X
  - · County Court Plan: X
  - Juvenile Board Plan:
- 2. The County must email or fax to the Commission the commissioner's court resolution authorizing the county to apply for the grant. The resolution must have been adopted by the commissioners' court of the county. See the FY16 Formula Grant RFA for instructions at <a href="http://www.tidc.texas.gov/grants-reporting/formula.aspx">http://www.tidc.texas.gov/grants-reporting/formula.aspx</a>