



September 27, 2024

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The Honorable Mike Knittel
Sterling County Judge
PO BOX 819
STERLING CITY, TX 76951

Re: FY2025 Formula Grant Request for Applications

Dear Judge Knittel:

TIDC announces the FY2025 Formula Grant Request for Applications (RFA). **Applications are due Friday, November 15, 2024.** 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:** Commissioners Court should adopt the attached FY2025 TIDC Formula Grant Resolution.

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 submit their biennial indigent defense plans by November 1, 2023 through our on-line system. TIDC staff will continue to work with counties to ensure that all 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, 2024. The reporting manual for county financial officers is available at <http://www.tidc.texas.gov/oversight/submit-data-and-reports/>. Both 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 us at Grants@tidc.texas.gov or 512-936-6994 if you have any questions about the FY2025 Formula Grant or the application process.

Sincerely,

Missy Medary
Chair, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
Presiding Judge, 5th Administrative Judicial Region of Texas

Enclosed: FY2025 Formula Grant RFA
FY2025 Formula Grant Resolution

**2025 Sterling County Resolution
Indigent Defense Grant Program**

FILED Oct. 21, 2024
AT 4:08 o'clock P. M
JERRI McCUTCHEN
District Clerk, Sterling County, Texas
By [Signature] Deputy

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, Sterling County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Sterling 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 14 day of October, 2024.

[Signature]
Mike Knittel
County Judge

Attest: [Signature]

County Clerk