



CO.#139368

COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 10/11/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND
RESOLUTION TO THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE
COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 INDIGENT DEFENSE
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the electronic submission of an electronic Grant Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the FY 2023 Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission provides financial and technical support to counties to develop and maintain quality, cost effective indigent defense systems that meet the needs of local communities. In addition, formula grants are awarded to eligible Texas counties to help counties meet constitutional and statutory requirements for indigent defense and to promote compliance with standards adopted by the Commission. Attorney fees, investigator and expert witness expenditures, and other litigation expenses paid by the County on behalf of indigent criminal defendants/juvenile respondents are allowable. The amount each county is eligible to receive is based upon the respective county's FY 2021 baseline amount spent on indigent representation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon acceptance of the electronic grant application and Resolution by the State, the County will receive partial reimbursement of expenses incurred due to the enactment of the Fair Defense Act and ensuing Indigent Defense Program.

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Holly Webb Kandice Boutte
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**2023 Tarrant 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, Tarrant County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Tarrant 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 11 day of October, 2022.



B. Glen Whitley
County Judge

Attest:



County Clerk - Deputy