Task Force on Indigent Defense
Statement of Grant Award
FY2011 Discretionary Grant

Grant Number: 212-71-D09
Grantee Name: Willacy County
Program Title: Public Defender Program
Grant Period: 10/1/2010-7/31/2011
Grant Award Amount: $74,860

The Task Force on Indigent Defense (Task Force) has awarded the above-referenced grant to Willacy County for indigent defense services. The authorized official named on the grant application must sign this Statement of Grant Award and return it to the Task Force by August 16, 2010. The grantee will not receive any grant funds until this notice is executed and returned to the Task Force. Funding is provided as listed in the categories in the table below:

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- The grant officials understand that a violation of any term of the grant may result in the Task Force 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.
- The grant officials agree to follow the grant terms contained in the “Required Conditions and Report” contained in Attachment A.
- Any indigent defense plan documents submitted to the Task Force must continue to meet all grant eligibility requirements.
- The Judges hearing criminal and juvenile matters must maintain amendments to the Indigent Defense Plans to include the program funded under this award.

The authorized official for this grant program has read the preceding and indicates agreement by signing this Statement of Grant Award below:

[Signature]

Signature of Authorized Official

Aurelio Guerra - Acting County Judge
Name & Title (must print or type)

7-16-10
Date
July 16, 2010

The Honorable Aurelio Guerra  
Willacy County Judge  
Via E-mail: countyadministrator@co.willacy.tx.us

Dear Judge Guerra:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense has awarded Willacy County a FY2011 Continued Multi-year Discretionary Grant in the amount of $74,860 in response to your application titled Public Defender Program. Your Statement of Grant Award for fiscal year 2011 is attached. Please sign and return via fax the first two pages of the Statement of Grant Award to fax number 512-475-3450 on or before August 16, 2010. You do not need to mail a copy.

Congratulations to Willacy County on taking the lead in Texas by developing this new indigent defense program. If you have any questions or need clarification on the information contained in this letter or attached Statement of Grant Award, please contact Bryan Wilson, the Task Force Grants Administrator at (512) 936-6996.

Sincerely,

Sharon Keller  
Chair, Task Force on Indigent Defense  
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Copy: Ms. Ida Martinez, County Auditor, ida.martinez@co.willacy.tx.us
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Attachment A

Required Conditions and Reports

Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements stated in the Request for Applications (RFA) these specific program requirements apply to this funded program

— The county will submit reports to obtain reimbursement of expended funds based on actual expenditures. The reimbursements will be based proportional to the county’s required match;

— The County must maintain a written policy that includes caseload standards for each attorney. In developing caseload standards, nationally recognized standards and standards used by other states shall be taken into consideration (e.g. American Bar Association’s ethics opinion on caseload standards). The Chief Public Defender is responsible for determining overload and should review the caseload status at least quarterly;

— The County must provide to the Task Force staff the minimum job requirements and a full job description of the positions specified under this project before a person is selected.

Activity

Willacy County will continue implementation of the single county rural Public Defender Program as outlined in the FY2007 Statement of Grant Award. The program is designed to improve effective assistance of counsel for indigent defendants in all cases except those cases where the death penalty is sought, cases in which public defender department has a conflict in representation or when the public defender’s office is at the maximum caseload. The department contracted with a non-profit corporation to provide representation to individuals accused of crimes and that are too poor to hire their own attorney.

Evaluation

This grant requires quarterly progress reports to provide information on the effectiveness of the program. The Task Force grant administrator will construct an on-line progress report that best reflects the actual work being performed in this program and is consistent with the FY2007 Discretionary Grant Statement of Grant Award. The county will be able to request modifications to the on-line report when the performance measures are determined to not accurately reflect the work performed.

Timeline for Reporting and Fund Distribution

Reports will be submitted on-line over the Internet.

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