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July 26, 2024

The Honorable Tim O'Hare
Tarrant County Judge
Via Email: countyjudgegrants@tarrantcountytx.gov

Dear Judge O'Hare:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Tarrant County a formula grant in the amount of \$996,517. The FY24 Formula Grant Statement of Grant Award is attached. **This Statement of Grant Award includes special conditions. Please note that we cannot disburse funds until these conditions have been met.** The resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court and submitted with the application is considered your county's acceptance of the grant terms.

Please note that Tarrant County's FY24 Formula Grant award will be disbursed in a single payment in August 2024 instead of quarterly payments.

The Commission works together with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide. On behalf of the Commission, I commend Tarrant County for its efforts in these areas. If you have any questions or need clarification about the Commission's grant programs, please reach out to the TIDC Funding Team at Grants@TIDC.Texas.Gov or 1-866-499-0656.

Sincerely,

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

Cc: kmbuchanan@tarrantcountytx.gov



TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

Statement of Grant Award FY24 Formula Grant

Date Issued:	July 26, 2024
Grant Number:	212-24-220
Grantee Name:	Tarrant County
Program Title:	Formula Grant Program
Grant Period:	10/01/2023-9/30/2024
Grant Award Amount:	\$996,517

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 \$15,000 plus;
- A calculation applied to the funds budgeted for FY2024 formula grants by the Commission based:
 - 50 percent on the County's percent of state population; and
 - 50 percent on the County's percent of statewide FY 2023 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 FY24 Formula Grant Program Request for Applications issued in September 2023, 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:

- The County's District Clerk must submit the Appointments & Fees reports necessary on the [Court Activity Reporting and Directory System \(CARD\) site](#) to be in compliance as of August 31, 2023 with reporting requirements promulgated by the Texas Judicial Council and reports required under Chapter 36 of the Texas Government Code.
 - If you have any questions about the missing reports, please reach out to the Office of Court Administration at judinfo@txcourts.gov for guidance.
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