



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 10/17/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND  
RESOLUTION TO THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE  
COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 INDIGENT DEFENSE  
FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the electronic submission of the FY 2024 Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program application and resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the FY 2024 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 and the requirements of the Constitution and state law.

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 2001 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.

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