



Legislation Text

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To: Harris County Commissioners Court

Through: Clay Bowman, Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the District Courts

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Subject: Texas Indigent Defense Commission **FY21 Formula Grant Award**

Project ID (If applicable):

Purpose and Request:

Request by the District Courts to accept grant funds from The Texas Indigent Defense Commission in the amount of \$3,593,847, with no required match, for the FY 21 Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Background and Discussion:

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission awards grants to reimburse each Texas county 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..

Fiscal Impact:

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..

Fiscal Summary			
Expenditures	FY 20-21	FY 21-22 Projected	Future Years Projected [3 additional years]
Service Impacted: <i>Cour</i>			
Existing Budget			
Additional Appropriation R			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
Existing Department Budge			
Please Identify Funding S Special Revenue, Grant, I			
Grant	\$3,804,883	\$3,593,847	\$11,098,095
Total Sources	\$3,804,883	\$3,593,847	\$11,098,095

Alternatives:

The formula grant reimburses each Texas county for expenses related to indigent defense in criminal and juvenile delinquency matters. The alternative would be Harris County as sole funding source for these court-ordered

expenditures.

Alignment with Strategic Objective:

Provide quality legal representation to the indigent.

Attachments:

- Statement of Grant Award
- Letter to Commissioners requesting approval
- Court Order