2022 Sabine County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Texas Government Code Section 79.037 and Texas Administration 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 of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, Sabine County Commissioners' Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Sabine County Commissioners assure 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 9th day of May, 2022.

Daryl Melton

County Judge

Attest: County Clerk



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CHAIR: The Honorable Sharon Keller Presiding Judge Court of Criminal Appeals

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Geoffrey Burkhart The Honorable Daryl Melton Sabine County Judge Via Email: daryl.melton@co.sabine.tx.us

Dear Judge Melton:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Sabine County a formula grant in the amount of \$19,883. The *FY22 Formula Grant Statement of Grant Award* is attached. The resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court and submitted with the application is considered your county's acceptance of the grant terms.

Formula Grant awards less than \$25,000 will be disbursed in a single payment instead of quarterly payments. Please note that Sabine County's FY22 Formula Grant award will therefore be disbursed in a single payment in May 2022.

The Commission works together with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide. On behalf of the Commission, I commend Sabine County for its efforts in these areas. If you have any questions or need clarification about the Commission's grant programs, please call Edwin Colfax, Grant Funding Director, at 1-866-499-0656.

Sincerely,

Sharon Keller Chair, Texas Indigent Defense Commission Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

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May 3, 2022



Date Issued: Grant Number: Grantee Name: Program Title: Grant Period: Grant Award Amount:

May 2022 212-22-202 Sabine County Formula Grant Program 10/01/2021-9/30/2022 **\$19,883**

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 FY2022 formula grants by the Commission based:
 - o 50 percent on the County's percent of state population; and
 - 50 percent on the County's percent of statewide FY 2021 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 FY22 Formula Grant Program Request for Applications issued in September 2020, 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.
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