



**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 11/5/2024

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO SUBMIT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 FORMULA  
GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION TO THE TEXAS INDIGENT  
DEFENSE COMMISSION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT  
PROGRAM**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the submission of the Fiscal Year 2025 Formula Grant Application and Resolution to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Indigent Defense Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The TIDC 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. Formula grants are awarded to eligible Texas counties to help meet the needs of constitutional and statutory requirements for indigent defense and to promote compliance with standards adopted by the TIDC. Attorney's fees, investigatory and witness expenditures, and other litigation expenses paid by the county on behalf of indigent criminal defendants and juvenile respondents are allowable.

The amount each county is eligible to receive is based upon the respective county's FY 2024 baseline amount spent on indigent representation. The grant award for FY 2024 was \$966,517.00.

The grant application deadline is November 15, 2024. The grant period for reimbursable expenses is from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

The Budget and Risk Management Department has reviewed the grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no indirect costs, match or operating subsidy associated with this grant application.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Rand Otten
		APPROVED BY:	Robert Cone

**2025 Tarrant County Resolution  
Indigent Defense Grant Program**

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

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Tarrant County Commissioners assures 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Tim O'Hare  
County Judge

Attest:

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County Clerk