



February 7, 2016

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The Honorable J.D. Clark
Wise County Judge
Via Email: cojudge@co.wise.tx.us

Dear Judge Clark:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Wise County a formula grant in the amount of **\$54,451**. The *Statement of Grant Award, FY16 Formula Grant* is attached. No further action is required on your part for these grant funds. The Resolution adopted by the Commissioners Court submitted with the application is considered your county's acceptance of the grant terms.

Commission grant funds must be used to improve the county's indigent defense system. Eligible uses include payment of attorney fees, defense investigator costs, expert witness costs, and other direct litigation costs incurred in providing defense representation to indigent defendants or juvenile respondents. We also encourage the county to use this money to help fund indigent defense improvements, such as a project or plan that would have remained unrealized absent this funding.

The Commission works together with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide. On behalf of the Commission, I commend Wise 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 Program Manager, at 1-866-499-0656.

Sincerely,

Sharon Keller
Chair, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
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TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

Statement of Grant Award

FY16 Formula Grant

Date Issued: February 7, 2016
Grant Number: 212-16-249
Grantee Name: Wise County
Program Title: Formula Grant Program
Grant Period: 10/01/2015-9/30/2016
Estimated TOTAL Grant Award Amount: **\$54,451**

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 \$5,000 plus;
- A calculation applied to the funds budgeted for FY2016 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 FY2015 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 FY16 Formula Grant Program Request for Applications issued on September 15, 2015, 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.