

AGENDA ITEM 14

Consider approving the 2004 Williamson County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve the 2004 Williamson County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Limmer was absent from the dais.**

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**2004 Williamson County Resolution
Indigent Defense Grant Program**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Fair Defense Act, 77th Regular Session, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county; and

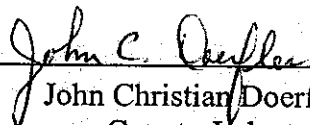
WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the county in the implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Williamson County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Task Force on Indigent Defense.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that John Christian Doerfler 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 Judge is designated as the Program Director and contact person for this grant and the County Auditor is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 23RD day of September, 2003.



John Christian Doerfler
County Judge

Attest:



Nancy E. Rister
County Clerk

Internet Submission Form

After submitting the formula grant application on-line, the following Internet submission confirmation number was received # _____. This grant application submission was in accordance with the Commissioners Court Resolution above.

John Christian Doerfler
County Judge



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August 12, 2003

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Honorable John Christian Doerfler
Williamson County Judge
710 S. Main Street
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Re: **2004 Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program
And Request For Applications (RFA)**

Dear Judge Doerfler,

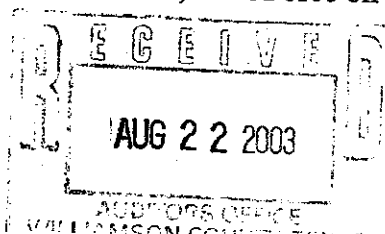
The Task Force on Indigent Defense (Task Force) is pleased to announce that the 78th Texas Legislature continued much needed state funding for the improvement of indigent defense services in Texas. **Williamson County** is eligible for an indigent defense formula grant of **\$104,858.00**. The included materials provide information on what is needed to obtain this funding. **The FY04 Formula Grant packet is being sent to all 254 constitutional county judges.**

The Task Force adopted Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173 in order to implement the grant authority established by the Texas Legislature. These **administrative rules** and the attached **RFA** are available at the Texas Judiciary Online at: <http://www.courts.state.tx.us/tfid>. The rules and the RFA establish the guidelines for the administration of grant funds and application submission process for FY2004.

Please call Bryan Wilson, at the Task Force office, toll free in Texas at (866) 499-0656, if you have any questions about the application process.

Sincerely,

Jim Bethke
Director, Task Force on Indigent Defense



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www.courts.state.tx.us/tfid**Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program****Requests for Applications (RFA)****August 12, 2003**

Total Grant Amount Budgeted for Statewide Use Available:
FY2004 - \$9,600,000 (estimated)

Type of Grant

The Task Force distributes funds to counties through a formula that sets a \$5,000 floor per grant with the remainder based on a county's percent of population (2000 Census) multiplied by the Task Force's remaining budgeted amount for formula grant. * Counties must meet minimum spending requirements to qualify.

Eligibility:

Only Texas counties may apply. See further eligibility below.

Grant Applications Due:

All applications must be submitted on-line. Applications must be completed and submitted by **October 1, 2003**. See submission requirements below for waiver requests and other deadlines.

Method of Application:

On-line submission at <http://tfid.tamu.edu>. All county judges have been assigned a unique user name and password. See contact information below for access to the system.

Time Period for Funding:

October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004

All grants awarded will require at least one follow-up report outside of the time period.

Funding:

Funds will be distributed in four (4) disbursements for this fiscal year.

Steps in Submitting a Grant Application

- 1) Log onto <http://tfid.tamu.edu> (Follow on-line page instructions).
- 2) Verify that the online screen indicates the appropriate grant officials and judicial officials.
- 3) Verify on-line that Task Force records indicate that submitted county-wide plans are in compliance and meet the grant eligibility requirements. Contact staff to discuss compliance issues.
- 4) Certify the application complete by sending in the Resolution / Internet Submission Form along with any required plan documents.

Applicable Authority and Rules

Texas Government Code Section 71.062

Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173

Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS)

***The method of funding based on population for fiscal year 2004 is subject to change by the Task Force in subsequent fiscal years**

AGENDA ITEM 15

Consider amending Budget Order pertaining to overtime compensation for Road & Bridge employees.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To amend Budget Order to grant pay in dollars to Road & Bridge employees who are crew members, truck drivers, inspectors and operators pertaining to overtime compensation. All other Road & Bridge employees will be compensated with comp time.

Vote: 3 – 0. **Commissioner Limmer was absent from the dais.**

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With respect to the 2003-2004 Budget Order, under “Overtime Policy” as stated in Paragraph 2F:

Non-exempt Road & Bridge employees will be treated in one of the following scenarios as decided upon by Commissioners’ Court:

- 1) All non-exempt Road & Bridge employees will earn the equivalent of 1.5 hours of comp time for every hour worked over forty in a work period as defined in the above paragraph 1, b, i.
- 2) All non-exempt Road & Bridge employees will earn overtime pay at the rate of 1.5 times their hourly rate for every hour worked over 40 hours in a work period.
- 3) All non-exempt Road & Bridge employees will earn the equivalent of 1.5 hours of comp time for every hour worked over forty in a work period with the exception of Crew Members, Truck Drivers, Inspectors and Operators who will earn overtime pay at the rate of 1.5 times their hourly rate for every hour worked over 40 hours in a work period.

approved 9-23-03
John C. Doerfler