



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE : 4/23/21012

CONSENT OR REGULAR: Consent

CONTRACT REFERENCE NO
(IF APPLICABLE): _____

SUBJECT:

Request to submit the 2013 Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program to request funding for an attorney position to represent the client's of the County's Specialty Treatment Courts.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION OF TOPIC: To include statutory requirement, operational impact, or performance goal.

The El Paso County Public Defender's Office is submitting the 2013 Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to request funding for an attorney position that will work directly with the clients of the Specialty Treatment Courts (DWI, Adult Drug Court, Re-entry, two Veterans Court and the 65th Family Court).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project requires a match of 20% for the first year increasing in increments of 20% for each additional years of funding. The match will be satisfied with general funding for new programs, in-kind services and the indigent defense funds received annually by the department.

PRIOR COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION (IF ANY):

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and Authorize the El Paso County Public Defender's Office to submit the Texas Indigent Defense Commission grant to fund an attorney position to represent clients of the County's Specialty Treatment Courts. In addition, the department requests the County Judge to sign the attached Resolution as required by the grant. The grant is for a minimum of twelve months and a maximum of four years. There is a match requirement.
Pending County Attorney approval

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, it officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

LEGAL REVIEW:

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Clara Hernandez, Public Defender

2013 El Paso County Resolution
Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Texas Government Code Section 71.062 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, El Paso County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, El Paso 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 Discretionary Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that M. Clara Hernandez 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 _____ day of _____, 2012.

Veronica Escobar
County Judge

Attest:

County Clerk

Internet Submission Form

After submitting the discretionary grant application on-line, the following Internet submission confirmation number was received #D201307120120224. This grant application submission was in accordance with the Commissioners Court Resolution above.

Veronica Escobar
County Judge