



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 Tablet PC Upgrade.

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 purchase 40 WI-FI enabled tablet computers, either I Pads, Android based, or similar systems, at an approximate cost of \$600.00 each. We considered tablet computers with cellular data access, and chose to go with WI-FI due to the unpredictability of monthly data access costs and in light of on-going budgetary pressures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is funded 100% by the grant

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 Tablet PC Upgrade. In addition, the department requests the County Judge to sign the attached Resolution and Internet Submission form as required by the grant. The grant is for a period of twelve months. No 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, its 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



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April 17, 2012

Mr. Bill Cox
Public Defender's Office
El Paso County

Dear Bill,

Regarding your request for information regarding Odyssey compatibility with technological standards set forth by the JCIT, it is my understanding that the compliance standards have not yet been finalized. However, I have been informed that Tyler Technologies has representation on this committee. Additionally, the basic requirements that were mentioned (ODBC and TCP/IP) are currently covered as are several other protocols for data interchange. Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding this compliance.

Regards,

Rick Rubio
Business Applications Project Supervisor
Odyssey Project Manager
El Paso County ITD

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
County Judge