



County of El Paso Agenda Item Details

Item Title:	Public Defender - FY25 TIDC Formula Grant / Indigent Defense Grant Program / Grant Application and Resolution (2024-0842)
Submitted By:	Kelli Childress, Chief Public Defender
Department:	Public Defender
Department Phone Number:	
Subject:	<p>Approve and authorize the Public Defender's Office to apply for the 2025 Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Formula Grant Program from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. The grant dollar amount will be determined by TIDC in December 2024. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying documents. (Contract No. 2024-0842)</p>
Background:	<p>The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) awards grants to Counties reimbursing a portion of the Counties' indigent defense costs under a formula basis which considers both the County's population and indigent defense expenditures during the prior fiscal year. El Paso County is automatically eligible to apply to receive a formula grant under the program.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	<p>Fiscal Impact Historical</p> <p>There is no grant match required. TIDC's formula grant program awards funds based on the county's population and indigent defense expenditures from the previous fiscal year.</p> <p>For the FY 2018 grant program, El Paso County was awarded \$826,342, with an additional allocation of \$45,906. In FY 2019, the County received an initial award of \$640,077, plus an additional allocation of \$46,432. In FY 2020, the County was awarded \$861,661, and for FY 2021, \$753,308. In FY 2022, the County was awarded \$683,380, and in FY 2023, \$653,148. In FY 2024, the County was awarded \$513,278.</p> <p>The final amount of El Paso County's FY 2025 award will be determined at TIDC's December 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact Projected</p>

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match: There is no grant match required. TIDC's formula grant program awards funds based on the County's population and indigent defense expenditures in the previous fiscal year

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Prior Action: The Court has approved submission of grant applications to the TIDC formal grant program on an annual basis since it was established. The Court approved submission of the FY 2017 grant application on November 14, 2016. The Court approved submission of the FY 2018 grant application on October 30, 2017. The Court approved submission of the FY 2019 grant application on November 5, 2018. The Court approved the submission of the FY 2020 grant application on November 4, 2019. The Court approved submission of the FY 2021 grant application on October 26, 2020. The Court approved submission of the FY 2022 grant application on December 20, 2021. The Court approved submission of the FY 2023 grant application on October 17, 2022. The Court approved submission of the FY 2024 grant application on November 6th, 2023..

Strategic Plan: Goal:

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Objective:

Strategic Plan Information:

Estimated Time Needed For This Item: 30 minutes