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September 1, 2026

The Honorable Bryan Wilson
Burnet County Judge
Via E-mail: bwilson@burnetcountytexas.org

RE: FY2027 Statement of Grant Award – Grant Number R-2026-07286

Dear Judge Wilson:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Burnet County a FY2027 Improvement Grant of **\$145,274** for the NHCPDO Mental Health Attorney. Your Statement of Grant Award for FY2027 is attached. Please sign the last page to accept the award and become eligible for payments.

Congratulations to Burnet County on taking the lead in Texas by developing and continuing this indigent defense program. If you have any questions or need clarification of the information contained in this letter or the Statement of Grant Award, please contact Edwin Colfax, TIDC's Director of Grant Funding, at (512) 463-2508 or email the Grants Department at grants@tidc.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Missy Medary
Chair, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
Presiding Judge, 5th Administrative Judicial Region of Texas

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Statement of Grant Award

FY 2027 Improvement Grant

Grantee	Burnet County
Grant #	R-2026-07286
Program Title	NHCPDO Mental Health Attorney
Grant Period	10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027
Award Amount	\$145,274

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (herein, TIDC) has awarded the above-referenced grant to Burnet County (herein, the Grantee) for indigent defense services. The authorized official named on the grant application must sign this Statement of Grant Award and return it to the Commission to accept the award. The grantee will not receive any grant funds until this notice is executed and returned to the TIDC.

Approved Program Budget

Personnel	Salary	\$ 133,461.01
Personnel	Fringe Benefits	\$ 42,784.78
Equipment	Computer Equipment	\$ 3,500.00
Supplies & Direct Operating Expenses	Office Supplies - Start-Up	\$ 247.00
Travel and Transportation	Training Related Travel	\$ 1,600.00

TOTAL BUDGET		\$181,592.79
FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES – COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS		\$36,318.79
TIDC IMPROVEMENT GRANT		\$145,274.00

Grant Terms and Conditions

General Terms and 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, must comply with the terms of the grant program as written in the TIDC Request for Applications issued in 2026, including the rules and documents adopted by reference in the Commission’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.
- The grant officials agree to implement the program as described in the final grant application.
- Any indigent defense plan documents submitted to the Commission must continue to meet all grant eligibility requirements.
- The judges hearing criminal and juvenile matters must amend the Indigent Defense Plan for their respective courts to include the program funded under this award as necessary and submit it to the Commission by November 1, 2026.
- Disbursement of funds is always subject to the availability of funds.
- This grant requires quarterly progress reports to provide information on the operation of the program. TIDC will create a progress report to document the work performed in this program. The Grantee may request modifications to the report. See the Timeline for Reporting and Fund Distribution at the end of this document for dates.

- The Grantee must submit expenditure reports to obtain reimbursement of expended funds based on actual expenditures on the program. Grant funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis according to the funded percentage in the award and proportional to the Grantee's required match. See the Timeline for Reporting and Fund Distribution at the end of this document for dates.
- The Grantee must provide to TIDC the minimum job requirements and a full job description of the staff positions specified under this project for approval before positions are publicly posted.
- Requests to revise the scope, target, or staffing of the project, or substantively alter project activities require advance written approval from TIDC.
- Budget adjustments consisting of reallocations of funds among or within budget categories in excess of \$10,000 or ten percent of the original approved budget, whichever is less, are considered budget adjustments and are allowable only with prior approval of the executive director of TIDC.
- All grant modification requests must be submitted in writing and signed by the Authorized Official designated in the TIDC Improvement Grant Program Commissioners Court Resolution.
- This award covers one fiscal year of operation. If the program is eligible for renewal, the Grantee must submit a continuing grant application and Commissioners Court Resolution as described in the Improvement Grant Request for Applications for each subsequent year of funding.
- If the award is eligible for renewal, the equipment costs and other start-up costs in the first-year budget will not be carried forward into subsequent years of funding.
- Contracts with third parties for indigent defense services under this grant must be provided to TIDC and approved prior to execution.
- Grantees that use grant funds to contract for services must include in the contract provisions to monitor each contract that is for more than \$10,000 per year. These provisions must include specific actions to be taken if the grantee discovers that the contractor's performance does not meet the operational or performance terms of the contract.
- A county shall continue to operate or participate in a program funded by a TIDC Improvement or Sustainability Grant for the duration of the grant funding and 48 additional months following the end of grant funding, unless for good cause as determined by TIDC. Otherwise, TIDC may impose a remedy for noncompliance under Title 1 Texas Administrative Code 173.307.

Program-Specific Terms and Conditions: Mental Health Defender Programs

- The County must develop and provide to TIDC written policies and procedures for the new or expanded program that address intake processes and how the program services will be provided. The program policies and procedures document must be provided to TIDC within 1 month of the program start date.
- The program policies and procedures document must address how the program will coordinate with, and not duplicate the work of, existing mental health systems. The plan must demonstrate how the County will identify and incorporate available mental health screening, assessment, treatment, and community services available to the defendants served by the grant program. The plan must also address how the positions funded under this grant will fit into the County's methods of operation for the identification of mentally ill arrestees and for providing assessment, treatment, and bonding options to these arrestees under Article 16.22 and Article 17.032 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Timeline for Reporting and Fund Distribution

Reports will be submitted on-line at <https://txcourts-tidc.fluxx.io>

Reporting Period	Type Report Due	Date Report Due	Fund Distribution Date
October 2026 through December 2026	Grant Expenditure Report Progress Report	January 15, 2027	February 2027
January 2027 through March 2027	Grant Expenditure Report Progress Report	April 15, 2027	May 2027
April 2027 through June 2027	Grant Expenditure Report Progress Report	July 15, 2027	August 2027
July 2027 through September 2027	Grant Expenditure Report Progress Report	October 15, 2027	December 2027

Grant Acceptance and Agreement

The authorized official for this grant program has read the preceding conditions and indicates acceptance of the grant and agreement to the terms and conditions by signing this Statement of Grant Award included below.

Signature of Authorized Official

Name & Title

Date