

Task Force on Indigent Defense
Statement of Grant Award
FY2009 Discretionary Grant

Grant Number: 212-59-D03
 Grantee Name: Hidalgo County
 Program Title: Hidalgo County Public Defender Office
 Grant Period: 10/1/2008-8/31/2009
 Grant Award Amount: \$88,705

The Task Force on Indigent Defense (Task Force) has awarded the above-referenced grant for indigent defense services. The authorized official named on the grant application must sign this Statement of Grant Award and return it to the Task Force by **August 18, 2008**. Requests to return the award statement after this date must be submitted from the County judge to the Task Force grants administrator in writing. The grantee will not receive any grant funds until this notice is executed and returned to the Task Force. Funding is provided as listed in the categories in the table below:

Direct Costs	
1) Personnel (Total Number of FTEs: 10)	324,239
2) Fringe Benefits	91,382
3) Travel and Training	11,161
4) Equipment	0
5) Supplies	7,441
6) Contract Services	9,301
Total Direct Costs	443,524
Indirect Costs:	
7) Indirect Costs	
Total Indirect Costs	
Total Proposed Costs	443,524
Less Cash from Other Sources	354,819
Total Amount Funded by Task Force	88,705

Standard Grant 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, agree to the terms of the grant as written in the Request for Applications issued on December 21, 2007, including the rules and documents adopted by reference in the Task Force on Indigent Defense'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 Task Force placing a temporary hold on grant funds, permanently deobligating all or part of the grant funds, requiring reimbursement for funds already spent, or barring the organization from receiving future grants.
- Disbursement of funds is always subject to the availability of funds.

- The grant officials agree to follow the grant terms contained in the "Required Conditions and Report" contained in Attachment A.
- Any plan documents submitted to the Task Force must continue to meet all grant eligibility requirements.

Special Grant Conditions:

The grant officials understand that they must satisfy all special conditions placed on this grant as listed below before receiving any funds:

The authorized official for this grant program has read the preceding and indicates agreement by signing this Statement of Grant Award below:

Signature of Authorized Official

Name & Title (must print or type)

Date

Attachment A

Required Conditions and Reports

Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements stated in the Request for Applications (RFA) these specific program requirements apply to this funded program

- The county will submit reports to obtain reimbursement of expended funds based on actual expenditures. The reimbursements will be based proportional to the county's required match;
- The County must develop a written policy that includes caseload standards for each attorney and for the operation of this program. In developing caseload standards nationally recognized standards, and standards used by other states shall be taken into consideration. The policy on the caseload standard must require the Chief Public Defender to review the caseload status at least quarterly. The Chief Public Defender is responsible for determining overload. The Chief Public Defender must notify the oversight board in writing if an exception to the caseload standard is authorized.

Activity

The Hidalgo County Misdemeanor Public Defender Office provides representation to persons charged with misdemeanor offenses in Hidalgo County. The department will make a priority for representation those individuals that are incarcerated. The department will also provide representation to those individuals with co-occurring felony charges.

The County will continue to operate the Misdemeanor Public Defender Office that was agreed to under the terms of the FY2005 Discretionary Grant Statement of Grant Award.

Project Evaluation

This grant requires quarterly progress reports to provide information on the effectiveness of the program. The Task Force grant administrator will construct an on-line progress report that best reflects the actual work being performed in this program and is consistent with the FY2005 Discretionary Grant Statement of Grant Award. The county will be able to request modifications to the on-line report when the performance measures are determined to not accurately reflect the work performed.

Timeline for Reporting and Fund Distribution

Reports will be submitted on-line over the Internet.

Reporting Period	Type Report Due	Date Report Due	Expected Fund Distribution Date
October through December	Budget Status Report Progress report	January 15, 2009	January 2009
January through March	Budget Status Report Progress report	April 15, 2009	April 2009
April through June	Budget Status Report Progress report	July 15, 2009	July 2009
July through September	Final Budget Status Report Final Progress report	November 16, 2009	November 2009

