

# FEDERICO (FRED) GARZA, JR.

JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 4

HIDALGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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November 3, 2011

Mr. James D. Bethke

205 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street

Austin, TX 78710

**RE: FY2011 Budget Adjustment Request – 212-12-D09**

Mr. Bethke:

Hidalgo County requests a budget adjustment for the *Web-Based Indigent Defense Appointment and Compliance Monitoring System and Associated Process Changes*. The details of the request are indicated in the table below:

Direct Costs	Existing Budget	Line Item Change	New Approved Budget
1) Personnel	\$163,205	\$11,350	\$174,555
2) Fringe Benefits	\$43,477		\$43,477
3) Travel and Training	\$4,143		\$4,143
4) Equipment	\$14,910		\$14,910
5) Supplies	\$3,500		\$3,500
6) Contract Services	\$54,556		\$54,556
7) Indirect Costs	\$20,000	\$11,350	\$8,650
<b>Total Proposed Costs</b>	<b>\$303,791</b>		<b>\$303,791</b>
Less Cash from Other Sources	\$60,758		\$60,758
<b>Total Amount Funded by Task Force</b>	<b>\$243,033</b>		<b>\$243,033</b>

#### Rationale for adjustment:

The original grant request for Personnel is as follows: Public Defender III, Public Defender II, Intake Officer, and an Administrative Assistant I. After reviewing the positions for Juvenile Section needs, a Social Worker, instead of an Intake Office, will better serve the clients by assisting in case management, psychosocial and/or needs assessments.

#### Impact to Original Proposal:

The Social Worker position shall service clients and families by providing case management, psychosocial and/or needs assessments. The Social Worker shall develop client/family individualized service plans, monitor progress, as well as utilize community resources to assist clients and their families and provides client/family education, training and advocacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Garza".

Judge Federico (Fred) Garza

County Court at Law #4

Hidalgo County, Texas



Chair:  
The Honorable Sharon Keller  
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal A

November 16, 2011

Vice Chair:  
The Honorable Olen Underwood

The Honorable Fred Garza  
Hidalgo County Court at Law #4 Judge  
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Ex Officio Members:  
The Honorable Roberto Alonzo  
The Honorable Alfonso Charles  
The Honorable Pete Gallego  
The Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson  
The Honorable Sherry Radack  
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth  
The Honorable John Whitmire

RE: FY2012 Budget Adjustment Approval - Grant Number 212-12-D09  
Judge Garza:

Members Appointed by Governor:  
The Honorable Jon Burrows  
Mr. Knox Fitzpatrick  
Mr. Anthony Odiorne  
The Honorable B. Glen Whitley

Hidalgo County's request for a budget adjustment for operation of the *Hidalgo County Public Defender's Office - Juvenile Section* is **approved** by the Executive Director of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. The details of the approval are consistent with the County's request and are indicated in the table below:

Executive Director:  
James D. Bethke

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If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Bryan Wilson, Grants Administrator at 512-936-6996.

Sincerely,

Bryan Wilson  
Grants Administrator