



September 17, 2012

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

RE: 2nd Payment and Amendment to the FY2012 Grant Award,
Grant Number 212-12-178

Vice Chair:
The Honorable Olen Underwood

The Honorable Samuel L. Neal, Jr.
Nueces County Judge
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Ex Officio Members:
Honorable Sharon Keller
Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson
Honorable Roberto Alonzo
Honorable Pete Gallego
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Honorable John Whitmire

Dear Judge Neal,

Members Appointed by Governor:
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Honorable Olen Underwood
Honorable B. Glen Whitley

To provide additional funds under the formula grant to counties, the Texas Indigent Defense Commission voted on August 20, 2012 to amend the Nueces County FY2012 Statement of Grant award. The Commission approved the following change in the formula for Nueces County the following phrase is added:

Executive Director:
James D. Bethke

*The sum of **\$62,029** is added to the FY12 formula grants by the Commission to provide an additional payment under the Equalization Policy.*

The Commission increased the amount to implement the **Equalization Policy**. This change to the formula grants in the award statement ensures that the Commission is able to distribute the full amount of funds budgeted. By statute, these additional funds are to be used for indigent defense services. We encourage the county to use this money to help pay for something on its indigent defense "wish list" – a project or plan that would have remained unrealized absent this extra funding. This payment will be made soon.

Please keep this amendment letter with your previously issued FY2012 Formula Grant Statement of Grant Award and any amendments that you have received. If you have any questions or need clarification of the information contained in this letter, please call me at the Commission office, toll free in Texas at (866) 499-0656 or email bryan.wilson@txcourts.gov.

Sincerely,

Bryan Wilson
Grants Administrator