

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: General Services/Indigent Defense

DATE: November 26, 2013

REQUEST: Execution of 2014 Agreement with Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) and Acceptance of \$320,557 state funds from the OPD for the continuation of the Indigent Defense Coordinator's and her assistant's salaries/benefits and District Court services in Calendar Year 2014

CHECK ONE: Consent County Administrator

BACKGROUND

Attached are two originals of Agreement No. ICA14215, received from the Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD). The OPD distributes state funds to counties to improve local indigent defense systems, pursuant to RCW Chapter 10.101. The agreement governs OPD's distribution of \$320,557 to Clark County for Calendar Year 2014. By statute and the agreement, these state funds must be used to improve the quality of legal representation provided to those who are entitled to court-appointed counsel. Clark County has used and will continue to use the grant funds to fund the salary and benefits of the county's Indigent Defense Coordinator and her office assistant, provide investigation services for District Court cases, and decrease the caseload of the District Court contract attorneys by funding one attorney. The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Civil Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

No community outreach is necessary.

BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No matching funds or in-kind services are required under the agreement. The agreement requires that the County use the funds to directly improve indigent defense services, which the County has done in the past and will continue to do. The agreement prohibits use of the funds for various purposes, including supplanting local funds for indigent defense used prior to the initial disbursement (2007) of these state funds, indigency screening costs, and purely administrative functions or equipment.

FISCAL IMPACTS


Yes (see attached form) No

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests the Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the agreement between Clark County and the OPD and formally accept the \$320,557 distribution of state funds (which will be transmitted to the county in December, 2013 upon OPD's receipt and execution of the agreement).

DISTRIBUTION


Mark McCauley-County Administrator; Ann Christian-Indigent Defense Coordinator; Budget Office


Ann Christian
Indigent Defense Coordinator

Approved:

NOV 26, 2013

CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Mark McCauley
County Administrator

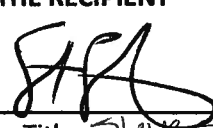
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FACE SHEET

WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

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<p>1. Recipient –RCW 10.101.070 Funds Clark County 1200 Franklin Street PO Box 5000 Vancouver, WA 98666-5000</p>	<p>2. Recipient Representative Ann Christian Clark County Indigent Defense Coordinator 1408 Franklin Street PO Box 5000 Vancouver, WA 98666-5000</p>
<p>3. Office of Public Defense (OPD) 711 Capitol Way South, Suite 106 PO Box 40957 Olympia, WA 98504-0957</p>	<p>4. OPD Representative Joanne I. Moore Director Office of Public Defense 711 Capitol Way South, Suite 106 PO Box 40957 Olympia, WA 98504-0957</p>
<p>5. Distribution Amount \$320,557</p>	<p>6. Use Period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014</p>
<p>7. Purpose Chapter 10.101 RCW county distributions are statutory formula distributions for the purpose of improving the quality of public defense services in Washington State counties.</p>	
<p>The Office of Public Defense (OPD) and Recipient, as defined above, acknowledge and accept the terms of this Agreement and attachments and have executed this Agreement on the date below to start January 1, 2014 and end December 31, 2014. The rights and obligations of both parties to this Agreement are governed by this Agreement and the following other documents incorporated by reference: Special Terms and Conditions, and General Terms and Conditions.</p>	
<p>FOR THE RECIPIENT  Name, Title <u>Steve Stuart, BOCC CHAIR</u> Date <u>NOV. 26, 2013</u></p>	<p>FOR OPD _____ Joanne I. Moore, Director _____ Date _____</p>

Approved as to form only:

By 
 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

The Representative for each of the parties shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications regarding the performance of this Agreement.

- a. The Representative for OPD and their contact information are identified on the Face Sheet of this Agreement.
- b. The Representative for the Recipient and their contact information are identified on the Face Sheet of this Agreement.

2. DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT

The Distribution Amount is Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$320,557.00) to be used for the purpose(s) described in the USE OF FUNDS below.

3. PROHIBITED USE OF FUNDS (as adopted in OPD Policy County/City Use of State Public Defense Funding)

- a. Funds cannot be used to supplant local funds that were being spent on public defense prior to the initial disbursement of RCW 10.101.070 funds.
- b. Funds cannot be spent on purely administrative functions or billing costs.
- c. Funds cannot be used for indigency screening costs.
- d. Funds cannot be used for county or court technology systems or administrative equipment.
- e. Funds cannot be used for county attorney time, including advice on public defense contracting.

4. USE OF FUNDS

- a. Recipient agrees to use the RCW 10.101.070 funds to improve the quality of legal representation directly received by indigent defendants. (See Chapter 10.101 RCW and OPD Policy County/City Use of State Public Defense Funding for guidelines regarding permitted uses of state public defense funds.)
- b. Recipient agrees to use the funds in calendar year 2014. If Recipient is unable to use the funds in 2014, the Recipient agrees to notify OPD to determine what action needs to be taken.
- c. Recipient agrees to deposit the RCW 10.101.070 funds check within 14 days of receipt.

5. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- Applicable federal and state of Washington statutes, regulations, and court rules
- Special Terms and Conditions
- General Terms and Conditions

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN**

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

2. **AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendment shall not be binding unless it is in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

3. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 29 CFR Part 35.**

The Recipient must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

4. **ASSIGNMENT**

Neither this Agreement, nor any claim arising under this Agreement, shall be transferred or assigned by the Recipient without prior written consent of OPD.

5. **ATTORNEY'S FEES**

Unless expressly permitted under another provision of the Agreement, in the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce Agreement terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorneys fees and costs.

6. **CONFORMANCE**

If any provision of this Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

7. **ETHICS/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

In performing under this Agreement, the Recipient shall assure compliance with the Ethics in Public Service, Chapter 42.52 RCW and any other applicable court rule or state or federal law related to ethics or conflicts of interest.

8. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for Thurston County.

9. **INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Recipient shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the state of Washington, OPD, all other agencies of the state and all officers, agents and employees of the state, from and against all claims or damages for injuries to persons or property or death arising out of or incident to the performance or failure to perform the Agreement.

10. **LAWS**

The Recipient shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, court rules, policies of local and state and federal governments, as now or hereafter amended.

11. **NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS**

During the performance of this Agreement, the Recipient shall comply with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies. In the event of the Recipient's non-compliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law, regulation or policy, this Agreement may be rescinded, canceled or terminated in whole or in part.

12. **RECAPTURE**

In the event that the Recipient fails to perform this Agreement in accordance with state laws, federal laws, and/or the provisions of the Agreement, OPD reserves the right to recapture funds in an amount to compensate OPD for the noncompliance in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.

13. RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The Recipient shall maintain all books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this Agreement. Recipient shall retain such records for a period of six (6) years following the end of the Agreement period. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been finally resolved.

14. RIGHT OF INSPECTION

At no additional cost all records relating to the Recipient's performance under this Agreement shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, and audit by OPD, the Office of the State Auditor, and state officials so authorized by law, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and quality assurance under this Agreement. The Recipient shall provide access to its facilities for this purpose.

15. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of law and the fundamental purpose of this Agreement and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

16. WAIVER

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement unless stated to be such in writing.