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**Fiscal Year 2021 Indigent Defense Commission Grant Application Process**

To Utah's 29 Counties and 249 Cities:

Thank you for your interest in newly applying and/or continuing to apply for funds to supplement local indigent defense services through the Utah Indigent Defense Commission. The IDC is working with nearly 70% of counties and several cities to improve indigent defense services throughout the state. We hope to expand to more local governments with the increased, ongoing, funding we received from the Legislature for fiscal year 2021.

For the FY21 funding cycle, there are some improvements and changes to our process, which will make it easier for us to understand your requests and appropriately target funding for the biggest impacts.

Successful grant applications must set forth an intent and efforts to implement an electronic case-management system for defenders to track appointed cases. The IDC will provide such systems at **no cost** to local governments. IDC funding for administrative help for defenders is also available. Many IDC-grantees already use case management systems to track and report information and can speak to the benefits of increased accountability for indigent defense services.

To maximize the efficiency of state funding, the IDC will prioritize applications using case management systems that seek to also organize multiple counties/cities together to provide more efficient delivery of services; and seek to develop a managed assigned counsel system, an interlocal entity, or a public defender office shared by multiple systems. Management and oversight will be critical components of any such proposal. Several counties already work with these models and are available to share the efficiencies and benefits.

Thank you

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