



Notice of Funding Opportunity

Grant Year 2023-2024

The Utah Indigent Defense Commission (IDC) begins the selection process for state-funded grant projects for grant year 2023-24 in January 2023. IDC funding is available to indigent defense systems run by counties, cities, or interlocal agencies. Grant projects must supplement and not supplant existing services. The grant year begins July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024 (i.e. state fiscal year 2024).

IDC grants are awarded according to a tier system that reflects the commission's grant funding priorities.

The funding priority tier levels for the grant year 2023-24 are:

- **Tier 1:** Renewal of grant funding for **existing** indigent defense positions.
- **Tier 2: New** managing defender or grant-focused administrative assistant positions that oversee at least three indigent defense service providers.
- **Tier 3: Attorney capacity increases** recommended by the IDC in collaborative meetings. Recommendations will be based on the January 2023 System Needs Evaluation results.
- **Tier 4: Other capacity increases** recommended by the IDC in collaborative meetings. Recommendations will be based on the January 2023 System Needs Evaluation results.
- **Tier 5:** All other requests

Tier levels are provided in order to guide project development and may change at the commission's discretion, subject to the final appropriation budget from the legislature and the results of the January 2023 System Needs Evaluation.

The IDC will offer a separate funding opportunity for case management software requests, as well as defense resources and mileage reimbursement for rural (3rd-6th class) counties.

Award offers are contingent upon funding availability, and may be canceled in the event that state funds are withdrawn or reduced.

In order to apply for IDC funding, systems must participate in each step of the grant process outlined in the following timeline:

12/27/2022: Notice of Funding Opportunity

1/20/2023: System Needs Evaluation and Caseload Survey are due

Links provided:

- ❖ [System Needs Evaluation for Counties](#)
- ❖ [System Needs Evaluation for Cities](#)
- ❖ [Caseload Survey for Indigent Defense Service Providers](#)

3/14/2023 – 4/14/2023: Collaborative project development meetings

4/10/2023: Grant application available; application period opens.

5/7/2023: Grant applications are due; application period closed.

5/7/2023 - 06/30/2023: IDC Commission review and award offers sent

7/1/2023: Projects begin

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