



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding is necessary to address a growing backlog in appeals arising from 3rd through 6th class counties. The Indigent Appellate Defense Division (IADD) was created by the legislature in 2020. The rate of appeals assigned to IADD has steadily increased since then. However, funding for IADD has not kept pace with demand. Individuals appeal their cases are waiting months before an attorney can begin to work on their case.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Matthew Barraza

Organization: Indigent Defense Commission

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



Indigent Appellate Defense Division

General Government

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$400,000.00
2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$400,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$400,000.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes



Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

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Safety and Security

Agency:

060 / Governor's Office

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Individuals who have exercised their constitutional right to appeal a criminal conviction arising from a rural county (3rd through 6th class).

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This will enable IADD to decrease the time between when an appeal is filed and an attorney begins to work on their case. This will lead to a quicker determination by the appellate courts on the issues raised, which will bring closure sooner to the individual raising the appeal and any victims associated with the case.



How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

The legislature will be able to compare the wait time between when a notice of appeal is entered and when the appellant's opening brief is with the appellate court.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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