

77-32-402 Duties of board.

- (1) The board shall:
 - (a) establish rules and procedures for the application by counties for disbursements, and the screening and approval of the applications for money from the:
 - (i) Indigent Inmate Trust Fund established in Part 5, Indigent Inmates;
 - (ii) Indigent Capital Defense Trust Fund established in Part 6, Indigent Capital Defense Trust Fund; and
 - (iii) Indigent Felony Defense Trust Fund established in Part 7, Indigent Felony Defense Trust Fund;
 - (b) receive, screen, and approve or disapprove the application of counties for disbursements from each fund;
 - (c) calculate the amount of the annual contribution to be made to the funds by each participating county;
 - (d) prescribe forms for the application for money from each fund;
 - (e) oversee and approve the disbursement of money from each fund as provided in Sections 77-32-401, 77-32-502, 77-32-601, and 77-32-701;
 - (f) establish its own rules of procedure, elect its own officers, and appoint committees of its members and other people as may be reasonable and necessary;
 - (g) negotiate, enter into, and administer contracts with legal counsel, qualified under and meeting the standards consistent with this chapter, to provide defense counsel services to:
 - (i) indigents prosecuted in participating counties for serious offenses in violation of state law; and
 - (ii) an indigent inmate who is incarcerated in certain counties.
- (2) The board may provide to the court a list of attorneys qualified under Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 8, with which the board has a preliminary contract to defend indigent cases for an assigned rate.

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