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The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) has issued the FY 2019 Discretionary Grant Request for Applications (RFA), available on the Commission's website at <http://www.tidc.texas.gov/media/57909/fy19-discretionary-grant-rfa.pdf>. The Commission offers discretionary grants for counties interested in setting up new programs that improve indigent defense. Funding priorities include programs that put in place mechanisms to ensure quality representation (such as managed assigned counsel and public defender programs), specialized defender programs for mentally ill or juvenile defendants, and indigent defense coordinator positions. Counties are encouraged to contact Commission staff to explore ideas for new programs focused on improving indigent defense.

A discretionary grant online training webinar will be presented on **Friday, February 2, 2017 at 2pm**. This webinar will cover the application process, program requirements, and provide advice to counties considering new programs. Please register for the webinar at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7258586927612675074>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Contact Edwin Colfax, Grant Program Manager at ecolfax@tidc.texas.gov or 512-463-2508 with any questions or to discuss possibilities for your county.

The application process is competitive and most grants require county matching funds. See the RFA for full details on single and multi-year grant policies. The application process has two steps. First, counties must submit a brief Intent to Submit Application (ISA) by March 9th, 2018. Proposals that meet program requirements will be invited to submit a full grant proposal by May 4, 2018. Funding decisions will be made in June 2018 for programs commencing in October 2018.