



**Extraordinary Disbursement Grant Application Form**

"Extraordinary Disbursement Grant" means discretionary-based funding to reimburse a county for actual extraordinary expenses for providing indigent defense services in a case or series of cases causing a financial hardship for the county (Texas Administrative Code §173.102(8)).

<b>General Information</b>			
<b>County</b>		<b>County Payee Number</b>	
<b>County Judge</b>		<b>Auditor/Treasurer</b>	
<b>Address</b>		<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>		<b>Phone</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>		<b>E-mail</b>	
<b>Summary of Reimbursement Request:</b>			

<b>Case Information</b>			
<b>Court</b>	<b>Cause Number</b>	<b>Defendant's Name</b>	<b>Date of Judgment</b>

Note: Actual extraordinary expenses for providing indigent defense services in a case or series of cases are eligible for reimbursement. Counties must submit an itemized list of actual extraordinary expenses organized chronologically including payee information, nature of services provided, and amount of expenditure. Counties must provide documentary evidence such as invoices, receipts, canceled checks, or pay stubs to support the itemized list of extraordinary expenses. Please refer to the Extraordinary Disbursement Grant Procedures for more information.

<b>Expense Summary &amp; Total Amount Requested</b>		
<b>Eligible Expense Category</b>	<b>Notes/Description</b>	<b>Expense</b>
Attorney Fees		
Expert Witness Fees		
Investigation Fees		
Mitigation Fees		
Other Eligible Expenses		
<b>Total Eligible Expenses</b>		
<b>Total Amount Requested</b>		

I affirm that this reimbursement request is for actual litigation expenses for indigent defendants or indigent juvenile respondents.

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Constitutional County Judge's Signature

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Date

April 20, 2015

Texas Indigent Defense Commission  
Extraordinary Disbursement Grant  
209 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 202  
Austin, Texas 78701

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as supporting documentation to Nueces County's application for an extraordinary disbursement grant. Nueces County has experienced such extraordinary expenses in providing indigent defense services in the following cases:

- State of Texas vs. Ryan & Heather Sanders – Cause No. 13-CR-1435-D
- In the Interest of the Sanders Children – Case No. 2013-FAM-60754-5

On April 27, 2013, Ryan and Heather Sanders, husband and wife, were arrested on suspicion of child abuse and drug possession. On June 13, 2014, Ryan Sanders was found guilty of five (5) counts of Injury to a Child with the Intent to Cause Serious Bodily Injury or Mental Injury and one (1) count of Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Deliver a Controlled Substance PG 1>=1G<4G. On that same date, Heather Sanders was found guilty of five (5) counts of Injury to a Child with the Intent to Cause Serious Bodily Injury or Mental Injury, one (1) count of Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Deliver a Controlled Substance PG 1>=1G<4G and one (1) count of Abandon/Endanger Child Criminal Negligence. Although tried together at the same time, the defendants were assigned their own legal counsel.

In addition to the criminal proceedings, a Child Protective Services case was filed on the county court level. Each parent was represented separately from the children and from each other. The children were represented as a group. The combination of the two cases caused legal expenses in attorney fees alone to surpass expectations. Therefore, we feel this situation fits the description of extraordinary expenses.

Your consideration of our application is sincerely appreciated. If you should require further information or have any questions, you may contact Roxana Sandoval, Grants Administrator, at (361) 888-0225 or Dale Atchley, County Auditor, at (361) 888-0556.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Neal, Jr.  
County Judge  
Nueces County, Texas