

TIDC requests one item: Restoration of its 5% cut.

(~\$2.2m. annually)

Texas
Indigent
Defense
Commission

LAR Summary

COVID-19 is driving demand for services.

COVID-19 left many Texans without work. Fewer can afford counsel.

COVID-19 is creating a jury trial backlog.

COVID-19 has created a backlog of over 4,000 Texas criminal jury trials. Jury trials require more time and resources from defense attorneys. As courts chip away at this backlog, indigent defense costs will spike.

Demand for accountable defense systems is increasing.

Demand for legally and fiscally accountable defender offices has grown. In FY20, TIDC partnered with local governments to build improved systems in 11 counties. In FY21, 16 counties have already requested help in building new programs with TIDC funding.

