WHAT WE DO

Oversight

Improvement

Funding
$66 million
$28 million increase

(42% increase)
New Funding = Improvements
2/3rd Funding
New Public Defense Improvement Team

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- **Planning Studies** to establish rural regional public defender programs and other improvements
- **Technical Assistance** to implement new indigent defense processes and programs
- **Regional Trainings** for judges and court personnel
- **Future Indigent Defense Leaders** — mentorship program for new lawyers
- **Publications**
RURAL PUBLIC DEFENSE

(1) Formula Grants – $15,000
(2) RPDO – 2/3rd
(3) Rural Regional – 2/3rd
(1) Formula Grants – $15,000 Base

- Reimbursement for county public defense expenditures
- Floor raised from $5,000 to $15,000
- Primarily benefits counties with lowest tax base and highest burden
Regional Public Defender Office for Capital Cases (RPDO)

“Death insurance”

182 Member Counties

TIDC now covers 2/3rd (counties pay 1/3rd)
(3) Rural Regional Public Defenders

- Counties under 100,000
- 2/3rd State Funding (1/3rd county funding)
- 1st come, 1st served
- Currently in 15 counties
Advantages:
- Cost Savings
- Reliability
- Accountability
- Budget Predictability
- Quality
UPCOMING CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

TIDC’s Mental Health Defenders Workshop (Nov. 19, 2019)
TIDC Indigent Defense Workshop (Jan. 16-17, 2020)
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