



LUBBOCK PRIVATE
DEFENDERS OFFICE

Via Email

September 15, 2025

Dean Stanzione

Director of Court Administration

904 Broadway, Ste. 325

Re: Additional Funding Request

Dean Stanzione,

As previously noted, the current budgetary provisions for the Lubbock Public Defender's Office (LPDO) are insufficient to fully cover the costs associated with Direct Client Services (DCS) for Fiscal Year 2025. This additional request roughly aligns with the total previous dollar amounts requested. Pursuant to Section 6.03(c) of our FY 2025 annual contract with Lubbock County and the Office of Court Administration (OCA), LPDO is authorized to request financial assistance from the OCA in response to extraordinary circumstances.

The additional funding is required to address the following:

- A rise in the number of cases processed in FY 2025 compared to FY 2024, necessitating additional extraordinary payments to attorneys.
- Increased expenditures resulting from higher approved billing rates for attorney case invoices.

The overall increase in expenses is attributable to Direct Client Services significant increase in volume in FY25 over FY24 and the funding dollar amount provided to LPDO by Lubbock County for FY25.

As of September 12, 2025:

- Fiscal Year Days Elapsed: 346
- Cases Processed to Date: 8,278
- Average Daily Processing Rate: ~23.92 cases/day
- Projected Additional Cases (Remaining FY25): ~480 cases
- Average Cost per Case (DCS only): \$727.30
- **Funding Required for Remaining Cases: \$349,104.72**
- FY25 DCS Budget (\$5,627,197) + Additional Funding (\$400,000) = \$6,027,197
- DCS Expenditure: \$6,020,601.80
- **Remaining DCS Funds: \$6,595.20**
- **Projected DCS Funds Deficit: \$342,509.52**

Considering these calculations, we're requesting funding to process payments for DCS expenditure's for the remaining two+ weeks of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Michael Fulmer

Michael Fulmer
Executive Director, LPDO



c. Extraordinary and Complex Cases

The parties understand and agree that the funds provided to Office by County, in any fiscal year, may become insufficient due to (1) an increase in the number of cases assigned to Office, or (2) an unanticipated number of complex cases. By way of example, what is considered complex may be based on the number of defendants, the number of counts against a particular defendant, the number of complaints or extraneous offenses, the nature of the prosecution, the mental health or special needs of the defendant, the existence of novel questions of fact or law, the sheer volume of discovery and investigation that makes an otherwise straightforward case unusually difficult to manage and provide excellent representation by counsel. In the event this occurs, both parties understand and agree that additional funds may be requested to be provided to Office by County, subject to approval of the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the availability of funds. The County may, at any point during the Agreement, audit whether funds received by Office are in excess of the initially anticipated caseloads and study whether current contract compensation is appropriate. In the event Office experiences a budgetary shortfall during the fiscal year, Office may request additional funding from the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court consistent with the Texas Open Meetings Act.



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Re: FY25 Additional Funding for End of Fiscal Year

Invoice for Payment

Pursuant to Section 6.03 c. of the Agreement between Lubbock County and the Lubbock Private Defenders Office, this letter is our written request for payment in the amount of \$342,509.52

Should you have any questions, please notify the undersigned.

Thank you for your understanding.

Michael Fulmer

Michael Fulmer
Executive Director, LPDO

Scott, Rhonda

From: Williams, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Scott, Rhonda
Cc: Stanzione, Dean; Smith, Denise
Subject: FW: DCS Funding for remaining FY25 Cases
Attachments: FY25 LPDO Second Additional Funding Request 09.15.25.pdf

Rhonda,

Please complete a LIT for another payment to LPDO. You may use both contingency accounts to move \$342,510 to 01103920-562200 Contract Ser.

*Thanks,
Kathy*

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From: Stanzione, Dean <DeStanzione@lubbockcounty.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 8:29 AM
To: Williams, Kathy <KWilliams@lubbockcounty.gov>
Cc: Freitag, Douglas <DFreitag@lubbockcounty.gov>
Subject: RE: DCS Funding for remaining FY25 Cases

I don't doubt that; however, I guess law enforcement can stop arresting people and the courts not move cases? 😊 Direct client services (attorney fees) are the "blank check" that I refer to because we never know how that's going to ebb and flow. This wouldn't matter who was managing this program. I re-copied the chart I created when I checked on this myself a couple weeks ago. I do, however, believe they understand our expectations with administrative costs – I hope.

