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Meeting of the Financial Assistance Subcommittee of the
Idaho State Public Defense Commission

Attendance via Zoom meeting was encouraged

Masks and social distancing were encouraged at meeting site

Idaho Public Defense Commission Office Conference Room

816 W. Bannock St., Ste 201

Boise, Idaho 83702

June 27, 2022 at 10:00 am

Subcommittee Members Present (via Zoom):

Darrell Bolz, Chair, Eric Fredericksen, Vice Chair, Linda Copple Trout

PDC Staff Members Present (via Zoom):

Kathleen Elliott and Jennifer Cichocki (at meeting site), Mark LaSalle, Jennifer Roark, Jared Ricks and Tammy Zokan

Members of the Public Present (via Zoom): None

Welcome and Call to Order – Chair Bolz

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am

Chair Bolz noted the difference in Defending Attorney salaries throughout the state and gave the example of Kootenai County pay being less than other counties. He also referenced the counties requesting COLAs in various amounts and said he does not know if there is funding available for this and if it is, how awards could be fairly allocated given the variations in counties' requests, county employees and pay scales.

Ms. Elliott said in addition to policy questions about funding for COLA, hiring and retention, there is a question about attorneys from an institutional office contracting with other counties to provide indigent defense services and reportedly doing the work during vacation and after-hours time. The institutional office is over workload and the PDC has been funding workload positions within that office.

Ms. Elliott reported that some counties cannot be considered today because they have not provided information for Eide Bailly's review or additional information must be reviewed. She said once the information is submitted and reviewed, it will be provided to the Subcommittee for review at a subsequent meeting.

Review of FY2023 Financial Assistance Applications

After discussion regarding each county's request, the Subcommittee approved the following recommendations for FY2023 financial assistance awards summarized below with further details in the county summaries contained in meeting packet, and requests for follow up information:

Ada – Skip

Adams – Recommend Formula \$25,000; Workload \$24,800.

Bannock – Recommend Formula \$242,559 minus \$120,000 of the remaining amount; Workload \$951,470 minus \$61,081 remaining.

Bear Lake – Recommend Formula \$25,000 minus \$7,000 of the remaining amount; Workload authorize use \$1,200 remaining for existing contract attorneys to cover counsel at Initial Appearance.

Benewah – Recommend Formula \$25,000; Workload \$0 because the county does not qualify based on their reported Workloads.

Bingham – Skip

Blaine – Recommend Formula \$69,957; Workload \$25,000.

Boise – Subcommittee asked PDC Staff to ask Boise County follow up questions about their needs and report back to the committee.

Bonner – Skip

Bonneville – Subcommittee asked PDC Staff to ask Bonneville County about salaries and funding for increases and report back to the committee.

Boundary – Recommend Formula \$26,011.

Butte – Skip

Camas – Recommend Formula \$10,975 offset with remaining \$35,419 therefore \$0 new award.

Canyon – Recommend Formula \$694,238; Workload \$431,341.

Caribou – Recommend Formula \$25,000 minus \$11,000 of the remaining amount.

Cassia – Recommend Formula \$121,458; Joint Office \$25,000; Workload \$147,593 minus \$124,378 remaining.

Clark – Skip

Clearwater – Recommend Formula \$46,629; Workload \$5,000.

Custer – Recommend Formula \$25,000; Workload \$0 because the county does not qualify based on their reported Workloads.

Elmore – Skip

Franklin – Recommend Formula \$25,000.

Fremont – Recommend Formula \$25,000; Workload \$10,000.

Gem – Recommend Formula \$33,825; Workload \$50,984.

Gooding – Skip

Idaho – Recommend Formula \$40,849; Workload \$33,000 for 1/3 attorney at 20 hours per week.

Jefferson – Subcommittee asked PDC staff to ask for opinion if 1-day late submission is a disqualifier. If Commission can and agrees to accept late application, recommend Formula \$25,000; Workload \$5,000.

Jerome – Recommend Formula \$77,248.

Kootenai – Skip

Latah – Recommend Formula \$72,859 offset by remaining \$163,070 therefore \$0 new award; Workload authorize us of \$6,000 remaining for conflict attorneys.

Lemhi – Recommend Formula \$25,000.

Lewis – Recommend Formula \$25,000.

Lincoln – Recommend Formula \$25,000.

Madison – Recommend Formula \$25,000.

Minidoka – Recommend Formula \$60,860; Joint Office \$25,000; Workload \$12,500 to cover hourly increase for contract conflict attorneys.

Nez Perce – Recommend Formula \$151,498; Workload \$400,000.

Oneida – Recommend Formula \$25,000 minus \$11,000 remaining; Joint Office award \$25,000; Workload authorize use of \$15,311 remaining for conflict attorneys.

Owyhee – Recommend Formula \$52,949 (no offset of remaining because the county has designated it for training); Workload \$50,000.

Payette – Recommend Formula \$71,190; Workload \$190,000 minus \$27,640 remaining.

Power – Recommend Formula \$25,000; Joint Office \$25,000; Workload authorize use of remaining \$22,967 for conflict attorneys.

Shoshone – Recommend Formula \$38,085; Workload \$29,600 for previously designated use.

Teton – Recommend Formula \$25,000.

Twin Falls – Recommend Formula \$288,244; Workload \$368,849.

Valley – Recommend Formula \$41,219; Workload \$27,480.


Washington – Recommend Formula \$38,752; Workload \$24,500.

Next meeting: July 12, 2022 at 10:00 am

Adjournment – Chair Bolz:

Chair Bolz adjourned the meeting at 12:26 pm.

Minutes approved by the Committee on July 26, 2022.



Kathleen J. Elliott, Executive Director