

Duties and Request for Services List

1. Title of Bid Project /History

Feasibility Study for the creation of a Managed Assigned Counsel Model for the 3rd Class District Courts of Macomb County

Pursuant to MCL 780.981 et seq., the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) was created to recommend improvements to the State's legal system. The MIDC has developed minimum standards, rules and procedures to ensure that criminal defense services are delivered to all indigent adults in the State. The MIDC's responsibility and authority is to work with the Counties and courts to ensure they create an indigent defense service plan that is in compliance with these minimum standards. The MIDC also oversees the implementation, enforcement and modification of the created minimum standards, rules and procedures.

The funding unit for 41A Shelby Township seeks to study the feasibility of joining with 5 other 3rd Class District Court in Macomb County to provide a single administrator to manage each of the district court's indigent service plans. The Township is seeking bids for a consultant to study the efficiencies of regional administration of indigent services and the potential cost savings to the six District Courts.

2. Anticipated dates for Services

October 17 through December 15, 2017

3. Local governments included in proposed plan:

- 37th District Court- Warren and Centerline
- 38th District Court –Eastpointe
- 40th District Court- St. Clair Shores
- 41-A District Court- Sterling Heights
- 41-A District Court-Shelby Township
- 41B District Court- Harrison Township, Clinton Township and Mount Clemens

5. Requirements of the Feasibility Plan

- Identify the state of Indigent Defense System within each of the 3rd class district courts and determine the feasibility and efficiencies of regional administration of local compliance plans using a “Managed Assigned Counsel Model.”
- Develop and conduct a survey of all participants within the different district courts- including court administration, judges and attorneys.
- Compilation of data from the survey and consult results
- Final report prepared that sets forth the findings of the study
- Share the results with participating municipalities and the MIDC.