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# TechShare.Indigent Defense

Complete Web-Based Solution for Indigent Defense Management



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Defense attorneys  
paid in days instead  
of weeks for indigent  
representation

## SOLUTION OVERVIEW

Grants are available from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) to help counties implement and operate the TechShare.Indigent Defense solution. The TechShare solution helps counties meet the requirements of the Fair Defense Act and improve the accuracy and efficiency of local processes. The solution helps counties develop and maintain quality, cost-effective indigent defense systems that meet the needs of local communities and the requirements of the Fair Defense Act, including accurate reporting measures, effective budgeting tools more efficient programs at the local level.

## Project Initiation

This effort originally began in August of 2013 when the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) awarded a grant to Tarrant County to address three recommendations set forth by the Urban Counties as the result of an indigent defense systems planning project. The grant has expanded to cover implementation, support and technical migration of current systems for eleven participating counties over a 3-year timespan.

## Cost Saving

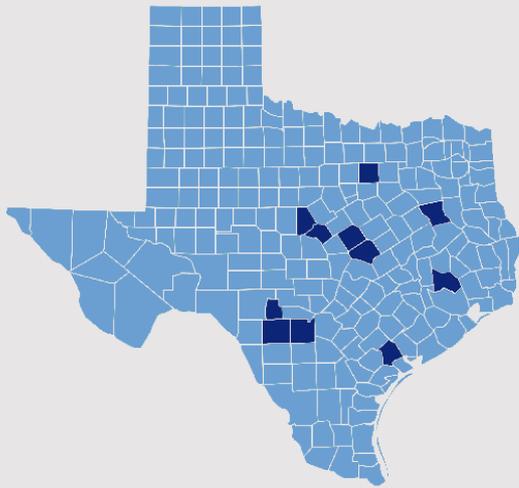
“We have seen a decrease in both our jail population and pretrial bond services with the new system in place. Additionally, we have seen a reduction in the number of felony first appearances without court-appointed representation if desired by the defendant.”

*Bell County*

## Time Saving

“Bell County did everything manually. In order to pull information we had to go back through e-mails, court records and notebooks. Once the case was disposed of, the attorney fee vouchers could take up to a month to make their way to the Auditor’s office for payment.”

*Bell County*



### Participating Counties

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Anderson County | Montgomery County |
| Bell County     | Real County       |
| Brown County    | Tarrant County    |
| Coryell County  | Uvalde County     |
| Medina County   | Victoria County   |
| Mills County    |                   |

## System Benefits:

- Increased transparency across departments
- Reporting capabilities for budgeting purposes
- Role-based features to increase local control
- Set custom parameters to qualify defendants
- All aspects of cases are handled electronically
- Defendants are appointed to attorneys based on county determined system
- Vouchers and payments handled electronically
- More accountability within the court system
- Streamlines roles and responsibilities within county
- Tracking for attorney continuing education
- Ensures compliance with the Fair Defense Act
- Accurate representation of how tax dollars are spent

## DEFENSE ATTORNEY PORTAL

- Real-time access to case information
- View, download and submit digital evidence
- Document generation, includes templates
- Discovery management and tracking
- Manage caseload across jurisdictions
- Dynamic views for quick data manipulation
- Task management
- Calendaring

## INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM

- Automated attorney appointments
- Customized indigence calculation
- Receive and monitor vouchers
- Defendants screened based on county standards
- Detailed graphical KPI reporting
- Ongoing compliance monitoring
- Quicker payments for indigent representation

The Texas Conference of Urban Counties is a non-profit organization composed of 37 member counties that represent approximately 80% of the population of Texas. Established in 2004, TechShare is an innovative program of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties. Our focus is on developing information technology solutions for counties. TechShare projects are collaborative efforts that save counties money by sharing the cost of research, development, operations, and maintenance. These projects produce applications, systems, or other technology assets to enable more efficient processes.

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