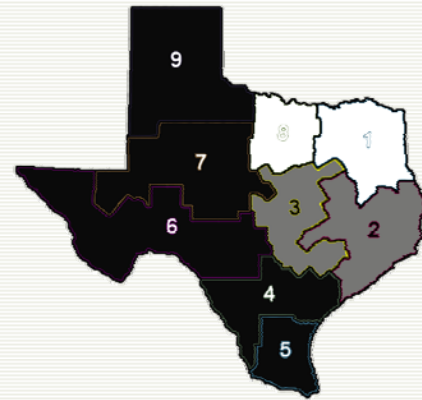


The RCPDO is serving the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 9th Regions. Services to the 2nd and 3rd Regions are expected to be available starting FY2012.



Meetings about expansion to the 2nd and 3rd Regions are set for March 30th to April 1st.

On June 10th, 2010 the Task Force on Indigent Defense approved funding for the RCPDO to begin an expansion effort. \$1,570,483 in funding was recommended and approved to fund the 4th, 5th, and 6th Regions. Starting FY2012, the 2nd and 3rd Regions are expected to be eligible.

Immediate Expansion Phase in

- 137 Counties are currently eligible (85 from 7th & 9th and 52 from the 4th, 5th, & 6th Regions)
- The addition of the 2nd and 3rd Regions will bring the total to 192 eligible counties.
- 2nd & 3rd Regions average 46.7 cases per year

Background

The West Texas Regional Public Defender Office was originally established in FY 2007 by an Interlocal Agreement between the counties in the 7th and 9th judicial regions, with Lubbock County serving as the administrative county. Start-up costs were funded by a grant from the Task Force on Indigent Defense. To provide access to more counties, WTRPD requested additional grant funds to expand.

The Lubbock-based program currently has offices in Amarillo, Midland, Uvalde, and Kingsville and is dedicated entirely to the defense of indigent defendants charged with capital offenses.

Plans for Future Expansion

- Starting FY 2012, the 2nd and 3rd Regions are expected to be eligible; counties in the 1st & 8th Regions are expected to follow in FY2013.
- Any region may propose its own program of a similar nature at any time.
- To initiate a program, counties should contact Lubbock County or the Task Force on Indigent Defense. *(Contact information provided on reverse.)*
- At least 2 satellite offices are expected to be opened in the 2nd & 3rd Regions.

Total Program Budget

Category	Yearly Cost	
Personnel Costs		\$2,671,000
Fringe Benefits	26%	\$701,080
Travel & Training		\$261,000
Equipment	1-time	\$100,000
Supplies (Westlaw, etc.)		\$44,639
Contract Services		\$11,200
Program Evaluation		\$25,000
Indirect (First year)	12%	\$340,846
Total FY2011		\$4,143,128

Cost Allocation for Each County

- Objective is to distribute the financial responsibility fairly, based on actual use of services.
- Cost allocated based on formula:
 - 50% based on percentage of total population
 - 50% based on percentage cases filed
 - Minimum of \$1,000
- Cash Match Funding for 4 years
 - Inter-local agreements established between Lubbock County and other counties

Additional Staffing Requirements

- 10 new Lawyers
- 9 new Mitigation Specialists
- 6 new Investigators
- 6 new Legal Assistants

RCPDO Performance Highlights

- Able to provide cost efficiency to counties

- In FY 2009 Randall, Crane, & Taylor Counties paid a total of \$136,617 for RCPDO's services

- Without WTRPD, cost to these counties would have been approximately \$557,060**

- Creates Budget Predictability

- Counties are able to forecast the amount of defense expenses required for capital cases with more certainty

- Increased Quality of Representation

- Provides a specialized capital defender system with highly trained lawyers, mitigators, and investigators

** Based on the Regional Plan Fee Schedule hourly rates applied to the number of hours logged for capital defense services delivered to these counties in FY2009

Counties In Next Expansion Regions			
2 nd Region		3 rd Region	
Angelina	Madison	Austin	Gonzales
Bastrop	Matagorda	Bell	Guadalupe
Brazoria	Newton	Blanco	Hamilton
Brazos	Orange	Bosque	Hays
Burleson	Polk	Burnet	Hill
Chambers	Robertson	Caldwell	Lampasas
Freestone	Sabine	Colorado	Lavaca
Galveston	San Augustine	Comal	Llano
Grimes	San Jacinto	Comanche	McLennan
Hardin	Trinity	Coryell	Milam
Jasper	Tyler	Falls	Navarro
Jefferson	Walker	Fayette	San Saba
Leon	Waller		
Lee	Washington		
Liberty	Wharton		
Limestone			

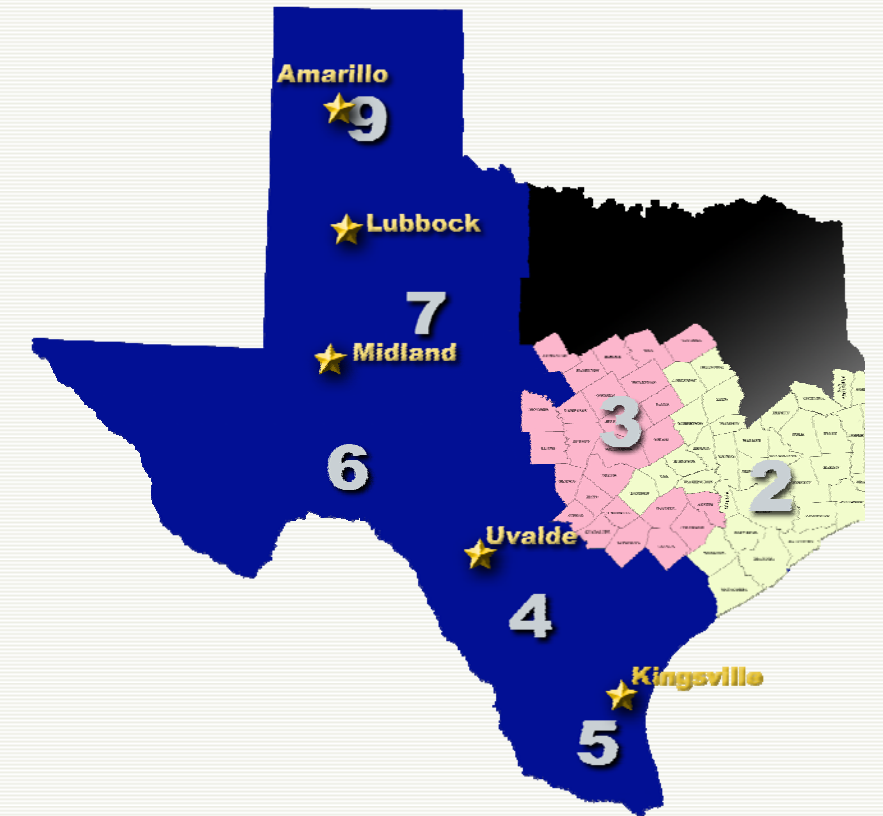
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