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Shannon Crowl
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Re: Disbursement of State Grant Funding for Public Defense Improvements (RCW 10.101.070)

Dear Shannon Crowl:

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) is pleased to disburse RCW 10.101.070 county grant funds to Lewis County. The funds must be used according to the Lewis County's Grant Agreement ICA24022, to make and sustain appreciable demonstrable improvements in public defense as required by Chapter 10.101 RCW. In particular, grant funds awarded to Lewis County shall be used for the following purpose(s):

- Providing an attorney coordinator who oversees contracts with attorneys providing public defense;
- Providing public defense services at preliminary appearance calendars;

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$103,435.00. If the County uses state BARS coding, these funds should be received under BARS code 336.01.28. The enclosed check should be deposited within the next 14 days.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts toward ensuring effective assistance of counsel in Lewis County. This work supports a necessary and vital piece of the criminal justice system.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey D. Hulsey
Managing Attorney, Public Defense Improvement Program

Enclosure: Check

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