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Oct. 17, 2025

Office of the State Public Defender
Attn: Indigent Defense Grant Program
770 L Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Letter of Authorization – Humboldt County Public Defender Grant Application

Dear Office of the State Public Defender:

This letter serves as formal authorization from the County of Humboldt for the Humboldt County Public Defender's Office to submit a grant proposal to the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) for funding to expand public defense services within Humboldt County.

The County of Humboldt supports efforts to provide additional funding for the Public Defender to fulfill California's Mental Health Diversion Statute, and fully supports efforts to strengthen and expand its holistic defense model, including the addition of staff and services designed to improve client outcomes, enhance early intervention, and ensure equitable access to justice for indigent individuals.

As the County Administrative Officer, I confirm that the Humboldt County Public Defender's Office is authorized to act on behalf of the County in submitting this proposal and, if awarded, to administer the grant funds in accordance with applicable county, state, and federal guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Elishia Hayes
Humboldt County Administrative Officer