

Honorable Judge and Commissioners Court,

We have had discussion on grants and the correct way to budget and handle them, Grants are not guaranteed funds until everything is completed and done accordingly and can still be denied.

The Local Government code 111.0106 says the county auditor shall certify to commissioner's court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the budget for the fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.

I feel when we have a grant that is a reimbursement grant that the department that applied to receive it, should be responsible for the expenses out of their budget, and when and if the grant money is received then the amount that is awarded would be certified and go back to the department at that time, this is the way I interpret the law, I have sent an email to TAC legal and also to Lewis to make sure that this is the correct order and accounting practice. I will follow up if there are any misconceptions that might come up.

(One thing that is certain is taxes and death.)

Sincerely,

Gina

**CHAPTER 111.
COUNTY BUDGET**

**SUBCHAPTER A.
BUDGET PREPARATION IN COUNTIES WITH POPULATION OF
225,000 OR LESS**

§ 111.003. ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIRED.

During the 7th or the 10th month of the fiscal year, as determined by the commissioners court, the county judge, assisted by the county auditor or county clerk, shall prepare a budget to cover all proposed expenditures of the county government for the succeeding fiscal year.

§ 111.0106. SPECIAL BUDGET FOR GRANT OR AID MONEY.

The county auditor or the county judge in a county that does not have a county auditor shall certify to the commissioners court the receipt of all public or private grant or aid money that is available for disbursement in a fiscal year but not included in the

budget for that fiscal year. On certification, the court shall adopt a special budget for the limited purpose of spending the grant or aid money for its intended purpose.