

IDC Strategic Plan Review



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Strategic Plan Components

Promote full-time managing defenders

Funding renewed annually unless there
is a monitoring issue

Strategy for proportional spending

Assess quality representation

Shared responsibility between state and
local governments

Managing Defenders

Before Plan

Salt Lake
Utah
Weber/Morgan
Davis
Juab/Millard/Sanpete

Since Plan

Cache/Box Elder
Carbon
Grand

- No or reduced caseloads
- Authority over contractors

Possible Improvements

Southern Utah Managing Defender

Grant Renewals

Outcome:

IDC has implemented Grant Monitoring Procedures and Guidelines

Since implementation in November 2023, IDC staff has conducted 9 system site visits and has found no major findings.

Goal:

Funding is renewed annually, indefinitely unless there is a monitoring issue.

Measurement:

- 1) Establishing a specific definition for “monitoring issue”
- 2) Outlining a process and protocols to respond to a monitoring issue.

Completed!

Innovation Grants

Measurement:

A process and strategy for pilot program track funding will be developed by the end of year three.

Outcome:

Using nonlapsing funds, IDC was able to award multiple innovation grants in 2023. One of which was the basis for SB157 - NonJudicial Adjustment Amendments

completed!

Fair and Equitable Distribution

Measurement:

A workgroup will be formed to develop a strategy for what fair and equitable distribution of resources by county will look like across the state by the end of year one of the strategic plan.

Outcome:

While the IDC staff has collected relevant data, a workgroup has yet to be formed.

Quality Representation

Measurement:

Development of a checklist in consultation with Managing Defenders who will use them as a review tool with attorneys.

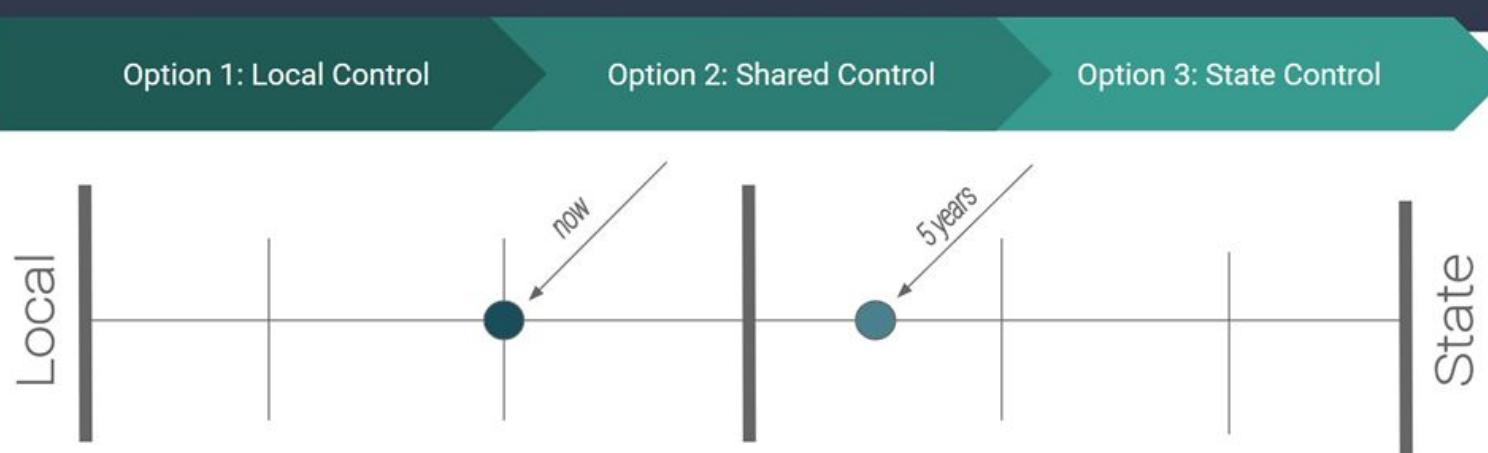
Outcome:

Staff has been working with Managing Defenders and anticipate the checklist to be completed within 30 days.

Completed!
(soon to be)

State Responsibility

Indigent defense systems across the country fall along a spectrum



Elements: standards, grant program, training program, managed assigned counsel (attorney manager of contracts), specialized offices (juvenile, parental defense, appeals), state public defender office

State Responsibility

Measure: cumulative number of measures completed across entirety of the strategic plan

Successes:

- Checklist creation
- Increased CLE's
- Innovation Grant
- Grant Monitoring Procedure

Next Steps:

- Grant Distribution Workgroup
- Regional Manager

Discussion

