

NAC _____ Maximum amount of county contribution for indigent defense services (NRS 180.320)

1. The maximum amount that a county will be required to pay for the provision of indigent defense services shall not exceed that county's actual costs of indigent defense services for the average of fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 minus any expenses related to capital and murder cases **and, for counties whose population is less than 100,000, case-related expenses**, for those years plus the percentage equal to the lesser of:
 - a. The cost of inflation, measured by the West Region Consumer Price Index, and/or
 - b. The union negotiated cost of living increase for employees for that county.
2. **Case-related expenses for counties whose population is less than 100,000 shall be a charge against the State, budgeted to the Department and administered, pursuant to a county's plan for the provision of indigent defense, by the Department or the Department's designee.**
3. **If a county elects to transfer the responsibility for trial level death penalty cases and direct appeals to the Nevada Appellate Courts to the Office of the State Public Defender pursuant to NAC _____, the costs of providing indigent defense services in those cases shall be a charge against the State and excluded from the county's contribution.**
4. **The provisions of this section are effective July 1, 2021.**