

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-314

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE November 10, 2025 COMMITTEE Public Safety

A Resolution authorizing the Executive and Sheriff to apply for and the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services, a Drug Law Enforcement Fund grant, up to an amount of \$250,000.00, with a 25% local cash match requirement up to an amount of \$83,333.33, for a project total up to an amount \$333,333.33, for the period 7/1/26 through 6/30/27, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, a Drug Law Enforcement Fund ("DLEF") grant proposal from the State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety/Office of Criminal Justice Services will open in December 2025 for the grant period 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027 for which the County will submit an application; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services, ("ODPS-OCJS") has historically awarded the Sheriff's Office a Drug Law Enforcement Fund ("DLEF") grant, with a 25% local cash match requirement provided by funds from the Sheriff's Summit County Drug Unit checking account ; and

WHEREAS, the DLEF grant for the period 7/1/26 through 6/30/27 will fund the salary of one Sheriff's Office Drug Unit detective, office space and vehicle fuel and maintenance to address the problem of illegal drugs in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, the maximum ODPS-OCJS DLEF award amount of this grant is \$250,000.00, with a 25% cash match required, for a potential maximum cash match of \$83,333.33; and

WHEREAS, the formal award letter with final financial information will not be provided until the Pre-award Conditions package is submitted to ODPS-OCJS and approved. Previous year's grant awards were approximately 55% of the maximum award amount. Both FY2023 and FY2024 grant awards were \$136,875.00 with cash matches of \$45,625.00; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to execute any documents necessary to apply for and accept the award of the aforementioned DLEF grant from the ODPS-OCJS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1

The Executive and Sheriff are here authorized to apply for, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to accept the award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services ("ODPS-OCJS"), of a Drug Law Enforcement Fund ("DLEF") grant, up to an amount of \$250,000.00, with a 25% local cash match requirement up to an amount of \$83,333.33, for a project total up to an amount \$333,333.33, for the period 7/1/26 through 6/30/27.

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SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately allow for applying for DLEF grant funds from ODFS-OCTS to be used by Sheriff's Office to staff her Drug Unit to address the problem of illegal drugs in Summit County.

SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 4

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED November 10, 2025

ADOPTED November 24, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 24, 2025

Signed by:

Steve Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 25, 2025