

Resolution authorizing funding for Graduation Recognition of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (Pathways) participants. (OHS&JP) (Not to exceed \$2,000.00)

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2015 the Franklin County Board of Commissioners formally accepted findings from the Council of State Governments Justice Center on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Services in Franklin County and has committed to supporting the national *Stepping Up Initiative* which aims to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jail; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has awarded to Franklin County a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHC) grant also known as Pathways to Women's Healthy Living (Pathways) to increase access to mental health and other treatment services for individuals in jail with a mental illness or co-occurring behavioral health disorder(s); and

WHEREAS, participants of the Pathways program are required to actively participate in an eight week cognitive behavioral training program to be eligible for graduation and post release supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the Pathways partners recognize that a formal graduation ceremony is an important milestone for recognizing the strength and commitment of each graduate in making positive pro-social changes that will reduce the likelihood of returning to jail, thus enhancing public safety and strengthening opportunities for successful reentry outcomes; and

WHEREAS, federal grant funding prohibits the purchase of food and/or beverages outside of conference travel; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is necessary to meet the proper public purpose expenditure requirements as set forth in Ohio Attorney General Opinion 82-006 and Auditor of State Bulletins 2003-005 and 2004-002; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs is hereby authorized to use funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the duration of the grant program (\$400.00 to be used for the remainder of CY 2016) for the provision of food, non-alcoholic beverages, and other ancillary items to recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments of the graduates of the Pathways pre-release program.

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