

**Resolution authorizing acceptance of a FY 2020 *Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program* grant award from the Office on Violence Against Women (OJPP)**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) authorized funding to encourage local governments and courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County in collaboration with the Columbus City Attorney's Office and multiple system partners applied for funding through OVW's *FY2020 Improving Criminal Justice Responses* grant program to support a systemwide comprehensive review and mapping of current interagency policies, protocols, case processing procedures and information sharing as it relates to cases of domestic violence and interpersonal violence with the goals of enhancing victim safety, promoting offender accountability and developing a more cohesive and coordinated community response; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2020, the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women notified Franklin County of an issued award in the amount of \$900,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Award will be used by the Office of Justice Policy and Programs in furtherance of the Violence Against Women Act and the required grant program purpose areas.

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

Acceptance of the FY 2020 *Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program* grant award in the amount of \$900,000 is hereby authorized.

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cc: Commissioners - OMB  
DOJ-OVW