

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 68-19

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LIGHTHOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO TO PARTIALLY FUND CRIME VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES IN THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, City Council fully appreciates the need and value of providing crime victim advocacy services in the Fairfield County Municipal Court to ensure the safety of crime victims and to preserve the crime victim's rights as set forth in the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, City Council understands that the Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter of Fairfield County, Ohio provides crime victim advocacy services in the Fairfield County Municipal Court utilizing federal and state grant funding administered through the office of Ohio Criminal Justice Services ("OCJS") and is currently seeking additional grant funding to maintain the current level of crime victim advocacy services being provided in the Fairfield County Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, City Council has been informed of the current shortfall of funding to provide crime victim advocacy services in the Fairfield County Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, City Council fully appreciates the necessity of ensuring the continuation of the current level of crime victim advocacy services being provided in the Fairfield County Municipal Court until additional grant funding can be secured;

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter of Fairfield County, Ohio to provide funding to maintain the current level of crime victim advocacy services in the Fairfield County Municipal Court from May 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Three Cents (\$10,482.03) allowing the Lighthouse to secure additional grant funding to provide these necessary services.

SECTION 2. That the crime victim advocacy services will be invoiced and paid out of the Law Director's 101.200.5234 (Contract Services) Account.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Municipality and its inhabitants and more specifically that there exists an immediate need to preserve the current level of crime victim advocacy services in the Fairfield County Municipal Court to ensure the safety of crime victims and to preserve crime victim's rights as set forth in the Ohio Constitution this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Finance Committee