



# LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT

TAMMIE K. HURSH  
PRESIDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

November 4, 2024

Lima City Council  
50 Town Square  
Lima, OH 45801

Re: 2025 Appropriations:

Judges' Special Projects Fund	#3710-1117-55000
Judges' Legal Research/Computer Fund	#5190-1117-55000
Clerk's Computer Fund	#5200-1117-55000
Indigent Driver Alcohol Monitoring Fund	#3840-1117-55000
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund	#3010-1117-55000
Community Control/Probation Fund	#3016-1117-55000

Dear Council President and Council Members:

Please accept this letter as my request for an ordinance or resolution from Lima City Council, authorizing the Presiding Judge of the Lima Municipal Court to purchase goods and services, including the payment of salaries and benefits, relating to the Judges' and Clerk's computer system (Funds 5190 & 5200), Judges' Special Projects Fund (3710) and our IDAT, IDAM and Community Control/Probation Funds (3010, 3840 & 3016) during the 2025 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed the existing balance of those funds/accounts as required pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code. The Court will provide a year-end summary of the expenditures, upon request, for all funds as maintained by the Auditor of the City of Lima, Ohio.

In 2023 and 2024 the Lima Municipal Court was able to utilize the Computer Funds to continue to maintain and update our computer system with the purchase of new hardware, software updates, supplies and support services, which enhanced the ability of the Court to manage its docket, all without putting further strain on the "General Fund" budget. The expenditures from our Computer Funds have allowed the Lima Municipal Court to maintain its position of leadership within the State of Ohio, in respect to municipal court technology management.

As you may know, the Court has recently entered into a contract with Tyler Technologies for a new software system as part of the Smart City Initiative. We are currently working with them on the integration of the new system.

From the Special Projects Fund, the Lima Municipal Court will be able to fund, two (2) Certified Drug Court Specialized Dockets equaling 30 participants. The Court, again, paid 100% of the

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visiting Judges' expenses during 2024.

In 2025, the Lima Municipal Court will continue to pay all of the salary expenses for visiting Judges, one Magistrate and any seasonal hires. This will result in a savings of over 4% of the Court's salary in the General Fund. Additionally, the court administrator's salary is being partially paid by the county.

Payments from these Funds have allowed the Lima Municipal Court to pay for important expenditures, necessary to its operation, without putting additional strain on the City of Lima's General Fund. Without your continued support, the Court could not utilize them to make our Court's mission of providing quality service to our constituents possible. I would thank you for your continued support.

I would, therefore, formally request Lima City Council's authorization to make expenditures during fiscal year 2025 from:

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Pursuant to the bidding and purchasing requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and the Charter of the City of Lima, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding and Administrative Judge

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cc: Sharetta Smith, Mayor  
Randy Bartels, City Auditor  
Anthony Geiger, City Law Director  
John R. Payne, Judge  
Jim Link, Clerk of Court