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***Ohio Supreme Court Awards Emergency Grant Funds
To Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division***

Summit County, Ohio: Judge Amy Corrigan Jones, Administrative Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division, announced today that the Ohio Supreme Court has awarded the Court nearly \$25,000 in emergency grant funds amid the coronavirus pandemic. The grant is a special one-time funding opportunity focused on the purchase of equipment necessary to quickly facilitate remote access for local Ohio courts.

When Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor announced \$4 million in emergency grant funding statewide for courts to purchase video conferencing technology for arraignments and other needs to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus responsible for Covid-19, Judge Corrigan Jones got to work.

With the help of Judge Tammy O'Brien, the General Division submitted a proposal to fund a quick implementation of video conferencing to allow the Courts to continue holding civil and criminal hearings during this unprecedented crisis.

"This is a challenging time for everyone and we are grateful for the support provided by Chief Justice O'Connor and the Ohio Supreme Court in allowing us to expand our videoconferencing capabilities," stated Corrigan Jones.

"The judicial branch of government must maintain operations and this funding assistance will allow our Court to continue its important work, while also providing a safe environment for the citizens involved," concluded Corrigan Jones.

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