

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-094

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(B. Nelsen)

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5 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. McKenney
6 Council of the Whole

7 DATE March 30, 2020 COMMITTEE: Planning

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9 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to create the Summit County**
10 **COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program, adopt the Program**
11 **Guidelines, execute a grant agreement with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in**
12 **an amount not to exceed \$530,000.00, a Community Development Block Grant contract**
13 **with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00, a**
14 **loan agreement with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed**
15 **\$220,000.00, and all other agreements and documents necessary to create and administer**
16 **said Program upon terms substantially similar to those set forth in these Exhibits and not**
17 **being materially adverse to the County and appropriating funds totaling \$970,000.00, for**
18 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

19 WHEREAS the Executive desires to create a grant fund in excess of \$1,000,000.00 to
20 assist Summit County small businesses who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19
21 pandemic with \$5,000.00 grants to assist with ordinary and necessary business expenses, which
22 shall be known as the Summit County COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant
23 Program (“the Program”); and
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25 WHEREAS the Executive further desires to partner with the Greater Akron Chamber of
26 Commerce who will manage the Program on behalf of the County as defined in the Program
27 Guidelines that are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
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29 WHEREAS the Executive desires to provide funding to the Program totaling
30 \$750,000.00, to be used by the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce to provide \$5,000.00
31 grants to eligible Summit County small businesses who have demonstrated a financial need and
32 desire to continue operations by applying for a U.S. Small Business Administration’s (“SBA”)
33 Economic Injury Disaster Loan for economic injury specifically related to the COVID-19
34 pandemic and/or another SBA loan program established to support small businesses in response
35 to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
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37 WHEREAS the Executive wishes to execute a grant agreement with the Greater Akron
38 Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$530,000.00 to paid from the County General
39 Fund as set forth in Exhibit B, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully
40 restated; and
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42 WHEREAS the Executive wishes to execute a Community Development Block Grant
43 contract with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00
44 as set forth in Exhibit C, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated;
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4 WHEREAS the Executive wishes to execute a loan agreement with the Greater Akron
5 Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00, the proceeds of which shall
6 strictly be used by the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce to provide grants to CDBG-eligible
7 Businesses under the Program, that will be reimbursed with CDBG Funds, to paid from the

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9 County General Fund as set forth in Exhibit D, attached to this Resolution and
10 incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

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12 WHEREAS, in an effort to maximize the assistance available through the Program and
13 provide funding for grant awards in excess of \$1,000,000.00, the Executive and Greater Akron
14 Chamber of Commerce further desire to encourage fund contributions for the purpose of
15 providing Program grants from governmental entities, businesses, non-profits, and individuals
16 who wish to contribute to the Program and have outlined the manner in which these
17 organizations can contribute funds and direct how those funds may be used, as defined in the
18 Program Guidelines, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

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20 WHEREAS it is necessary to appropriate \$750,000.00 from the General Fund to fund a
21 \$530,000.00 grant agreement and a \$220,000.00 loan agreement, both with the Greater Akron
22 Chamber of Commerce; and

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24 WHEREAS it is necessary to appropriate CDBG funds totaling \$220,000.00 to fund a
25 Community Development Block Grant contract with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce;
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28 WHEREAS this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
29 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to create the Summit County
30 COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program and adopt the Program Guidelines,
31 which are attached hereto as Exhibit A, as may be amended from time to time, execute a grant
32 agreement with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed
33 \$530,000.00 as set forth in Exhibit B, execute a Community Development Block Grant contract
34 with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 as set
35 forth in Exhibit C, execute a loan agreement with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in
36 an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 as set forth in Exhibit D, and to appropriate funds totaling
37 \$970,000.00;

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39 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
40 of Ohio, that:

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42 SECTION 1

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44 This Council hereby authorizes the creation of the Summit County COVID-19 Small
45 Business Emergency Relief Grant Program (“the Program”) and adopts the Program Guidelines,
46 which are attached hereto as Exhibit A, as may be amended by the Executive from time to time,
47 in a manner not materially adverse to the County and hereby approves the Greater Akron
48 Chamber of Commerce to manage the Program. All proposed amendments to the Program shall
49 require 48 hours’ notice to this Council, prior to their enactment, by the Executive.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with
7 the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$530,000.00 to paid from
8 the County General Fund as set forth in Exhibit B, attached to this Resolution and incorporated
9 herein as if fully restated.

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11 SECTION 3

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13 This Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a Community
14 Development Block Grant contract with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount
15 not to exceed \$220,000.00 as set forth in Exhibit C, attached to this Resolution and incorporated
16 herein as if fully restated.

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18 SECTION 4

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20 This Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a loan agreement with
21 the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00, the proceeds
22 of which shall strictly be used by the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce to provide grants to
23 CDBG-eligible Businesses under the Program, that will be reimbursed with CDBG Funds, to be
24 paid from the County General Fund, as set forth in Exhibit D, attached to this Resolution and
25 incorporated herein as if fully restated.

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27 SECTION 5

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29 This Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute all other agreements and
30 documents necessary to create and administer the Program upon terms substantially similar to
31 and not materially adverse to the County, as may be necessary.

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33 SECTION 6

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35 Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL FUND - COUNTYWIDE MISC		
10003-8016-65111	Grants-Pool Account	\$530,000.00
10003-8016-65111	Grants-Pool Account (Loan)	<u>\$220,000.00</u>
Total General Funds		\$750,000.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND		
22018-6119-67035	CDBG Revolving Funds	<u>\$220,000.00</u>
Total CDBG		\$220,000.00
Total Appropriations		\$970,000.00

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4 SECTION 7

5 The County Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the within
6 appropriations.

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8 SECTION 8

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10 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
11 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
12 authorize the County's financial assistance to Summit County small businesses who have been
13 adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can be commenced and completed
14 as expeditiously as possible.

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16 SECTION 9

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18 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
19 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be
20 in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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22 SECTION 10

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24 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to
25 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
26 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
27 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the
28 Ohio Revised Code.


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30 INTRODUCED March 30, 2020

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32 ADOPTED March 30, 2020

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36 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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40 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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42 APPROVED March 31, 2020

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46 EXECUTIVE

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48 March 31, 2020
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50 ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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52 Voice Vote YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,
53 McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite