

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-193 First Reading Passage Requested  
2 (B. Nelsen)

3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE June 29, 2020 COMMITTEE: Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with the**  
8 **Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 to be used**  
9 **to fund additional grants to Summit County small businesses not previously awarded**  
10 **through the Summit County COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program**  
11 **created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and declaring such expenditure necessary**  
12 **due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-**  
13 **19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

14 WHEREAS, as authorized by this Council in Resolution No. 2020-094, the County  
15 entered into a grant agreement with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not  
16 to exceed \$530,000.00 to paid from the County General Fund, and a Community Development  
17 Block Grant contract in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00, for a total amount of \$750,000.00,  
18 with \$730,000.00 for distribution to Summit County small businesses and \$20,000.00 to pay the  
19 costs of the Chamber in establishing and administering the Summit County COVID-19 Small  
20 Business Emergency Relief Grant Program (hereinafter the "Program"); and

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22 WHEREAS, local communities, non-profit organizations and private persons contributed  
23 an additional \$816,000.00 to the Program, thus allowing a total of \$1,546,000.00 to be  
24 distributed to Summit County small businesses through the first round of applications to the  
25 Program; and

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27 WHEREAS, due to the limited availability of funds in the initial Program, there were  
28 otherwise qualified business that could not be funded; and

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30 WHEREAS, as authorized by this Council in Resolution No. 2020-126, the County  
31 contributed an additional \$5,400,000.00 of funds received by the County pursuant to section  
32 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") to the  
33 Program to conduct a second round of grants utilizing modified program guidelines to expand  
34 the number and kind of small businesses that could receive funding; and

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36 WHEREAS, due to the success of the second round of grants, the Program funds were  
37 again exhausted, leaving some small businesses unable to receive funding; and

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39 WHEREAS, the County Executive desires to contribute additional funds to the Program  
40 in the amount \$1,300,000.00 from the funds it received pursuant to section 5001 of the federal  
41 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in order to fund those  
42 remaining businesses who applied in the first two rounds of funding but were not able to be  
43 funded; and

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45 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
46 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County  
47 Executive to execute the aforementioned grant agreement with the Chamber to provide  
48 additional grants to Summit County small businesses through the Program; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
5 information, that the expenditure of \$1,300,000.00 under the aforementioned grant agreement  
6 with the Chamber is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19  
7 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal  
8 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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

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13 SECTION 1

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15 This Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with  
16 the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce (“Chamber”) in an amount not to exceed  
17 \$1,300,000.00 to be paid from funds received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and  
18 Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), which will be used for additional grants to Summit  
19 County small businesses through the Summit County COVID-19 Small Business Emergency  
20 Relief Grant Program (the “Program”).

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22 SECTION 2

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24 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$1,300,000.00 under the  
25 aforementioned grant agreement with the Chamber is necessary due to the public health  
26 emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the  
27 provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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29 SECTION 3

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

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37 SECTION 4

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

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43 SECTION 5

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

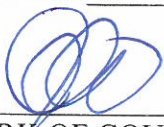
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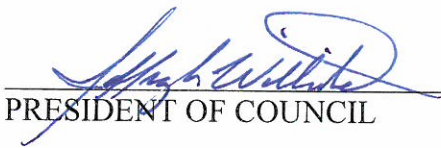
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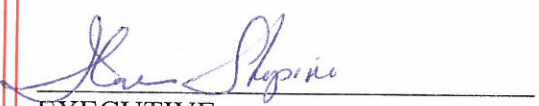


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 30, 2020



EXECUTIVE

June 30, 2020

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote - YES: 9-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Prentice, Walters