

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-308 First Reading Passage Requested  
2 (B. Nelsen)  
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4 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Wilhite, Ms. Walters, Mr. Koehler, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Rodgers,  
5 Ms. Sims, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio  
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7 DATE September 21, 2020 COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole  
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9 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with Public School**  
10 **Districts in Summit County, in an amount not to exceed \$7,357,894.00 under the County of**  
11 **Summit COVID-19 Public School District Re-Opening Grant Program, to be used to cover**  
12 **costs associated with school re-opening, and declaring such expenditure necessary due to**  
13 **the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for**  
14 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

15 WHEREAS, the County received \$94.4 million from the Federal Government pursuant to  
16 Section 5001 of the Federal CARES Act for use in paying expenses of the County's response to  
17 the COVID-19 Pandemic; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department ("Treasury") has issued guidance indicating  
20 that, payments from the Fund may be used to cover costs associated with providing distance  
21 learning (*e.g.*, the cost of laptops to provide to students) or for in-person learning (*e.g.*, the cost  
22 of acquiring personal protective equipment for students attending schools in-person or other  
23 costs associated with meeting Centers for Disease Control guidelines).; and  
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25 WHEREAS, as an administrative convenience, Treasury will presume that expenses of  
26 up to \$500 per elementary and secondary school student to be eligible expenditures, such that  
27 schools do not need to document the specific use of funds up to that amount.; and  
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29 WHEREAS, In an effort to provide Public School Districts in Summit County with  
30 funding to address necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with  
31 respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which were not accounted for in the  
32 budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act)  
33 and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30,  
34 2020, the Executive has created the County of Summit COVID-19 Public School District Re-  
35 Opening Grant Program; and  
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37 WHEREAS, funding under this Program may be used to cover costs associated with  
38 providing distance learning (*e.g.*, the cost of laptops to provide to students) or for in-person  
39 learning (*e.g.*, the cost of acquiring personal protective equipment for students attending schools  
40 in-person or other costs associated with meeting Centers for Disease Control guidelines); and  
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42 WHEREAS, grant awards are being made at the sole discretion of the County based on  
43 the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of each K-12 Public School District in Summit County  
44 as contained in the Ohio Department of Education's FY2020 Final #1 School Finance Payment  
45 Report (SFPR); and

46 WHEREAS, the use of the FY2020 Final #1 SFPR as a basis for allocating funds shall  
47 not be construed to indicate that the County's methodology for allocation, follows or complies  
48 with any funding formulas established by the State of Ohio or Ohio Department of Education;  
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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
5 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
6 execute grant agreements with Public School Districts in Summit County, in an amount not to  
7 exceed \$7,357,894.00 under the County of Summit COVID-19 Public School District Re-  
8 Opening Grant Program; and

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10 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
11 information, creating the County of Summit COVID-19 Public School District Re-Opening  
12 Grant Program and the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$7,357,894.00 is necessary due to  
13 the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in  
14 compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and  
15 Economic Security Act.

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

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20 SECTION 1

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22 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute grant agreements with Public  
23 School Districts in Summit County, in an amount not to exceed \$7,357,894.00 under the County  
24 of Summit COVID-19 Public School District Re-Opening Grant Program, and in compliance  
25 with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic  
26 Security Act.

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28 SECTION 2

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30 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed  
31 \$7,357,894.00 under the aforementioned program is necessary due to the public health  
32 emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the  
33 provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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35 SECTION 3

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37 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
38 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately  
39 authorize the County's financial assistance to Summit County political subdivisions who have  
40 been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can maintain public safety  
41 and public health forces at a level necessary to effectively respond to the pandemic.

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43 SECTION 4

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

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4 SECTION 5

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


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13 INTRODUCED September 21, 2020

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16 ADOPTED September 21, 2020

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21 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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25 APPROVED September 22, 2020

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29 EXECUTIVE

September 22, 2020  
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Voice Vote: 9-0-1 YES: Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,  
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite  
ABSTAIN: McKenney  
ABSENT: Prentice