

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-344

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(B. Nelsen)**

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

3 DATE October 26, 2020

COMMITTEE: Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a County of Summit COVID-19 Local**  
8 **Government Payroll Support Grant agreements with the University of Akron to support**  
9 **policing efforts in Summit County, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, to cover the**  
10 **payroll expenses of police officers deemed substantially dedicated to COVID-19 response,**  
11 **and declaring such expenditure necessary due to the public health emergency with respect**  
12 **to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive, and declaring an**  
13 **emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, the County received \$94.4 million from the Federal Government pursuant to  
16 Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”)  
17 for use in paying expenses of the County’s response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

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19 WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department (“Treasury”) has issued guidance indicating  
20 that, for administrative convenience in utilizing these funds, public safety and public health  
21 employees are deemed to be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-  
22 19 public health emergency; and

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24 WHEREAS, Treasury has further authorized recipients of such funds to share them with  
25 other local political subdivisions within its boundaries for the same purposes for which the  
26 recipient can use the funds; and

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28 WHEREAS, this Council previously approved resolution 2020-180, creating the County  
29 of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant Program and authorizing the  
30 expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.00; and

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32 WHEREAS, the County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant  
33 Program (the “Program”) is intended to provide funding to support COVID-19 response related  
34 activities being engaged in by public safety and public health employees; and

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36 WHEREAS, eligible expenses include wage and benefit costs associated with public  
37 health and public safety employees, pursuant to the guidance issued by Treasury pursuant to  
38 Section 5001 of the federal CARES Act for the period 3/1/2020 to 12/30/2020; and

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40 WHEREAS, the University of Akron (“the University”) faced economic and budgetary  
41 pressures prior to COVID-19, which have become exacerbated by the pandemic and its  
42 anticipated long-term economic and budgetary impact; and

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44 WHEREAS, the City of Akron has also been impacted by the national phenomenon of  
45 increasing violent crime and increased gun violence and gun related activity; and

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47 WHEREAS, the University of Akron Police Department patrols the residential  
48 neighborhoods surrounding the University and plays an integral role in keeping the students who  
49 live in those neighborhoods safe as well as contributing to the overall well-being of the City and  
50 University; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Executive desires to provide additional support to the University to help  
5 ensure their ability to maintain policing services throughout the COVID-19 and post COVID-19  
6 timeframe; and

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8 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
9 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit a County of Summit COVID-  
10 19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant to the University of Akron to support policing  
11 efforts in Summit County and to authorize the Executive to execute the aforementioned grant  
12 agreement with the University; and

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14 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
15 information, that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 is necessary due to  
16 the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in  
17 compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal CARES Act.

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

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22 SECTION 1

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24 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a County of Summit COVID-19  
25 Local Government Payroll Support Grant agreement with the University of Akron, in an amount  
26 not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, to support policing efforts in Summit County, and any other  
27 necessary related documents.

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29 SECTION 2

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31 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed  
32 \$2,000,000.00 under the aforementioned program is necessary due to the public health  
33 emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the  
34 provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act  
35 (“CARES Act”).

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37 SECTION 3

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39 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
40 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately  
41 authorize the County’s financial assistance to the University of Akron which has been adversely  
42 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can maintain public safety and public health  
43 forces at a level necessary to effectively respond to the pandemic.

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45 SECTION 4

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47 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect  
48 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be  
49 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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14 INTRODUCED October 26, 2020

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 27, 2020

  
EXECUTIVE

October 27, 2020  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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