

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-061

2 **LATE FILING**
3 **First Reading Passage Requested**
4 **(P. Montgomery)**

5 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt & Council of the Whole

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7 DATE March 1, 2021 COMMITTEE Human Services

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9 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements in an amount not to**
10 **exceed \$16,149,837.80 for the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to**
11 **assist Summit County residents with rental assistance, utility assistance, eviction**
12 **prevention, data collection, lender negotiation, financial counseling and other services**
13 **necessary to allow residents to remain in their place of residence and declaring such**
14 **expenditures necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus**
15 **Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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17 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
18 the health and wellbeing of the residents of Summit County and has dramatically impacted many
19 residents financially, rendering them unable to cover all of the normal expenses of living; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Executive has determined that the need for flexibility may exist to
22 transfer funds between community partners to fully utilize funding provided by section 501 of
23 the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County, the United Way of Summit and Medina (the "United Way"),
26 Community Legal Aid, Fair Housing Contact Service, Mustard Seed Community Development
27 Corporation, Asian Services In Action, Inc., International Institute of Akron, Akron Metropolitan
28 Housing Authority, the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development
29 and Community Action Akron Summit and the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and
30 Medina Counties have partnered to establish a rent and utility assistance program geared toward
31 ensuring that Summit County residents who have been thus impacted are able to remain in their
32 place of residence which will be called the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance
33 Program (the "Program"); and

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35 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2020-197, which
36 established the Summit County CARES Program and authorized a grant agreement with the
37 United Way in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.00, utilizing \$5,000,000.00 of CARES Act
38 funds and \$1,500,000.00 of a combination of TANF and Title XX funds; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolutions No. 2020-216 and 2020-279,
41 which established the Summit County CARES Utility Relief Program and authorized grant
42 agreements with Community Action Akron Summit in total amounts not to exceed
43 \$1,500,000.00; and

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45 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2020-303, which authorized
46 the Executive to grant agreements in an amount not to exceed \$6,181,000.00 for Round 2 of the
47 Summit County CARES Program to assist Summit County residents with rental and mortgage
48 assistance, utility assistance, eviction prevention, data collection, lender negotiation, financial
49 counseling and other services necessary to allow residents to remain in their place of residence;
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4 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into grant agreements to fund the Program,
5 inclusive of administrative costs, with the following partners:

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United Way Summit and Medina (Direct Rent & Utilities)	\$14,538,710.80
United Way Summit and Medina (Admin)	\$876,978.00
Community Legal Aid	\$100,000.00
Fair Housing Contact Service	\$100,000.00
Mustard Seed Development Corporation	\$186,632.00
Asian Services In Action, Inc.	\$ 76,069.00
International Institute of Akron	\$ 14,842.00
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority	\$ 21,606.00
Summit Co Dept of Community & Economic Dev	\$117,000.00
Battered Women’s Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties	\$118,000.00; and

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18 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines after reviewing all pertinent information
19 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
20 execute the aforementioned grant agreements with United Way of Summit and Medina,
21 Community Legal Aid, Fair Housing Contact Services, Mustard Seed Development Corporation,
22 Asian Services In Action, Inc., International Institute of Akron, Akron Metropolitan Housing
23 Authority, Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development and the
24 Battered Women’s Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties; and

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26 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
27 information, that the expenditures of an amount not to exceed \$16,149,837.80 for grant
28 agreements with United Way Summit and Medina, Community Legal Aid, the Fair Housing
29 Contact Service, Mustard Seed Development Corporation, Asian Services In Action, Inc.,
30 International Institute of Akron, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Summit County
31 Department of Community and Economic Development and Battered Women’s Shelter of
32 Summit and Medina Counties for services related to the Program is necessary due to the public
33 health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the
34 provisions of Section 501 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021;

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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
37 of Ohio, that;

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39 SECTION 1

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41 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements with United Way
42 Summit and Medina in an amount not to exceed \$15,415,688.80, Community Legal Aid in an
43 amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Fair Housing Contact Service in an amount not to exceed
44 \$100,000.00, Mustard Seed Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$186,632.00,
45 Asian Services In Action, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$76,069.00, International Institute of
46 Akron in an amount not to exceed \$14,842.00, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority in an
47 amount not to exceed \$21,606.00, Summit County Department of Community and Economic
48 Development in an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00 and the Battered Women’s Shelter of
49 Summit and Medina Counties in an amount not to exceed \$118,000.00 for rental/mortgage
50 assistance, utility assistance, eviction prevention, data collection, lender negotiation, financial
51 counseling, administrative costs and other services related to the Summit County Emergency
52 Rental Assistance Program.
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Voice Vote - YES 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Council finds and declares that the expenditures of an amount not to exceed
7 \$16,149,837.80 for grant agreements with United Way Summit and Medina, Community Legal
8 Aid, the Fair Housing Contact Service, Mustard Seed Development Corporation, Asian Services
9 In Action, Inc., International Institute of Akron, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Summit
10 County Department of Community and Economic Development and the Battered Women's
11 Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for services related to the Program is necessary due to
12 the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in
13 compliance with the provisions of Section 501 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act,
14 2021.

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16 SECTION 3

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18 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to amend Emergency Rental Assistance
19 Program grant awards, as necessary, to allow for the optimal usage of the funds in order to fully
20 utilize funding provided by Section 501 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

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22 SECTION 4

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24 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
25 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately authorize the
26 provision of services related to the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to
27 Summit County residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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29 SECTION 5

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

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35 SECTION 6

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37 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
38 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
39 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
40 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
41 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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43 INTRODUCED March 1, 2021

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45 ADOPTED March 1, 2021

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48 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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51 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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53 APPROVED March 2, 2021

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57 March 2, 2021
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