

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-200

**First Reading Passage Requested**

**(D. Matz)**

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Ms. McKenney

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5 DATE June 28, 2021

COMMITTEE: Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Akron**  
8 **Community Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to be paid from the Opiate**  
9 **Litigation settlement funds to establish the Opiate Small Grant Program fund to provide**  
10 **grants not to exceed \$25,000.00 per grantee, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

11 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council  
12 authorized the Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement  
13 agreements, in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-  
14 2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of  
15 Ohio (the "Lawsuit"), with any manufacturing or distributor Defendant, regardless of market  
16 share of the opioid market in Summit County and to additionally authorize settlement with any  
17 pharmacy Defendants; and

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19 WHEREAS, the County has received monies as a result of settlement of the Lawsuit; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Executive convened the Key Stakeholders Group and the Opiate  
22 Abatement Advisory Council ("OAAC") to help determine how to spend the opiate money to  
23 best serve the residents of the County; and

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25 WHEREAS, the OAAC has determined that there are numerous small non-profit  
26 agencies in the community that are providing grass-roots assistance to individuals addicted to  
27 opiates and their families, and that such organizations, which usually need not more than  
28 \$25,000.00 towards their mission, are not typically funded by larger agencies such as the ADM  
29 Board but which nonetheless help to abate the public health emergency that has come from the  
30 proliferation of opiates; and

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32 WHEREAS, the County previously partnered with the Akron Community Foundation  
33 ("ACF"), to develop the Summit County COVID-19 Non-Profit Emergency Relief Grant  
34 Program ("Program") which was designed to assist non-profit entities that help to provide for the  
35 basic needs of underserved County residents as well as supporting the arts and cultural service  
36 providers; and

37 WHEREAS, that program was operated by ACF with great success and in accordance  
38 with all of the rules and restrictions on such programs as a result of the funding, having been  
39 audited by the County's Internal Audit Department; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Opiate Small Grant Program will be operated by ACF in accordance  
42 with policies and procedures adopted in cooperation with the County, the OAAC and the Key  
43 Stakeholders and subject to review by the County's Department of Internal Auditing; and

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45 WHEREAS, the Executive desires to contribute funds to the Program totaling  
46 \$500,000.00 to provide programmatic and operational grants not to exceed \$25,000.00 each to  
47 small non-profit entities that help to provide assistance and relief to individuals addicted to  
48 opiates and their families; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
5 information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the  
6 Executive to execute a grant agreement with ACF to fund the Opiate Small Grant Program in an  
7 amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to be paid from settlement dollars received by the County in  
8 the Lawsuit and due to the public health emergency with respect to opiate addiction.

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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 Executive to execute a grant agreement with the  
16 Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to be paid from  
17 funds received litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-  
18 2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of  
19 Ohio (the “Lawsuit”), to fund the Opiate Small Grant Program which will provide programmatic  
20 and operational grants not to exceed \$25,000.00 and be operated pursuant to procedures  
21 established in cooperation between ACF, the County, the OAAC and the Key Stakeholders  
22 group.

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24 SECTION 2

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26 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
27 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the County  
28 wishes to authorize the Executive to execute a grant agreement with ACF to fund the Opiate  
29 Small Grant Program to further address the public health emergency with respect to opiate  
30 addiction.

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32 SECTION 3

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

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38 SECTION 4

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

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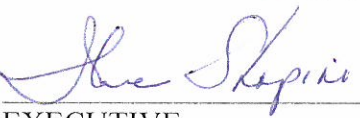
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 30, 2021

  
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EXECUTIVE

June 30, 2021  
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ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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