

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-233

First Reading Passage Requested

(D. Matz)

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

3 DATE August 3, 2020

COMMITTEE Human Services

4
5
6
7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summa
8 Hospital Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to expand the Summa Health
9 Centering Program into underserved areas of the County for the period from 8/1/20
10 through 5/31/22, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

21
22 WHEREAS, through a settlement in the Lawsuit, Defendant Johnson & Johnson agreed
23 to pay \$2,000,000.00 to Centering Programs in Summit County, such programs being operated
24 by Akron General Cleveland Clinic/Axess Pointe and Summa Health, so that each operator
25 received \$1,000,000.00; and

26
27 WHEREAS, Summa Health, which has operated a Centering Program for several years,
28 seeks to expand their program into underserved areas of the County and has need of an additional
29 \$500,000.00 in order to fully fund such expansion, including expansion of the program for
30 pregnant opiate addicted women incarcerated at the Summit County Jail; and

31
32 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
33 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
34 execute a grant agreement with the Summa Hospital Foundation in an amount not to exceed
35 \$500,000.00 from settlement dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit;

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

39
40 SECTION 1

41
42 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Summa
43 Hospital Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to expand their Centering Program
44 for the period from 8/1/20 through 5/31/22 using funds from the settlements received in litigation
45 titled *In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan
46 Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio.
47

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-233

2 PAGE TWO

3
4 SECTION 2

5
6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the County
8 wishes to immediately provide support to the Summa Health Centering Program through a grant
9 to the Summa Hospital Foundation.

10
11 SECTION 3

12
13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the County Executive; otherwise, it shall
15 take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

16
17 SECTION 4

18
19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

24
25
26 INTRODUCED July 27, 2020

27
28 ADOPTED August 3, 2020

29
30
31 
32 CLERK OF COUNCIL

33
34
35 
36 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

37
38 APPROVED August 5, 2020

39
40
41 
42 EXECUTIVE

43
44 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 5, 2020

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