

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-300 First Reading Passage Requested
2 (B. Nelsen)

3 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Ms. Walters & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE September 21, 2020 COMMITTEE: Planning

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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 \$6,500,000.00 to establish the Summit**
9 **County COVID-19 Non-Profit Emergency Relief Grant Program created in response to the**
10 **COVID-19 pandemic, and declaring such expenditure necessary due to the public health**
11 **emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive,**
12 **and declaring an emergency.**

13 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
14 the financial health of Summit County non-profit agencies, dramatically impacting business
15 models and rendering them unable to provide services unable to cover normal expenses of
16 operations; and

17 WHEREAS, the County, in partnership with the Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”),
18 has developed the Summit County COVID-19 Non-Profit Emergency Relief Grant Program
19 (“Program”) which is designed to assist non-profit entities that help to provide for the basic
20 needs of underserved County residents as well as supporting the arts and cultural service
21 providers by reimbursing the costs of business interruption caused by required closures; and

22 WHEREAS, the period for which funding can be provided under this Program is
23 concurrent with the period during which funding is provided under Section 5001 of the federal
24 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), being March 1, 2020
25 through December 30, 2020; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Program will be operated in accordance with policies and procedures
28 adopted in compliance with the CARES Act and subject to review by the County’s Department
29 of Internal Auditing and will provide funding to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit entities that meet
30 established criteria; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Executive desires to contribute funds to the Program totaling
33 \$5,000,000.00 to provide programmatic and operational grants to qualified non-profits entities
34 that help to provide for the basic needs of underserved members of the community and those
35 most effected by COVID-19; and

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37 WHEREAS, recipients of grants from the \$5,000,000.00 allocation shall be required to
38 use not less than 50% of the funds to provide direct services to clients and may use the remainder
39 to offset the costs of business interruption caused by required closures; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Executive also desires to contribute funds to the Program totaling
42 \$1,500,000.00 to provide grants to qualified non-profits entities that support the arts and cultural
43 endeavors within the community to offset the costs of business interruption caused by required
44 closures; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
5 information, that creating the Summit County COVID-19 Non-Profit Emergency Relief Grant
6 Program and the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.00 to provide grants to
7 qualified Summit County non-profit entities is necessary due to the public health emergency
8 created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of
9 section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

10 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
11 information, that the expenditure of \$6,500,000.00 under the aforementioned grant agreement
12 with ACF is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19
13 pandemic and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of the federal
14 CARES Act.

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

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19 SECTION 1

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21 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the
22 Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”) in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.00 to be paid
23 from funds received pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act
24 (“CARES Act”), which will be used to make grants to Summit County registered 501(c)(3) non-
25 profit agencies through the Summit County COVID-19 Non-Profit Emergency Relief Grant
26 Program (the “Program”) to be divided with \$5,000,000.00 being used by ACF to make grants to
27 non-profit agencies that help to provide for the basic needs of underserved members of the
28 community and those most effected by COVID-19 and \$1,500,000.00 to be used to make grants
29 to non-profit agencies that support the arts and cultural endeavors within the community.

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31 SECTION 2

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33 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$6,500,000.00 under the
34 aforementioned grant agreement with the ACF is necessary due to the public health emergency
35 with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of
36 section 5001 of the federal CARES Act.

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38 SECTION 3

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40 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
41 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
42 authorize the County’s financial assistance to Summit County non-profit agencies that have been
43 adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can be commenced and completed
44 as expeditiously as possible.
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5 SECTION 4

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

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11 SECTION 5

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

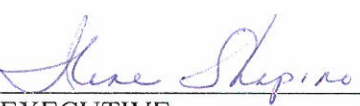
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20 INTRODUCED September 21, 2020

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23 ADOPTED September 21, 2020

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27 CLERK OF COUNCIL


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30 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

31 APPROVED September 22, 2020

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38 ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: YES 10-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Prentice