

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-106

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro & Ms. Sims

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5 DATE April 26, 2021 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Akron**  
8 **Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount of \$100,000.00 as part of a local community**  
9 **match, for the Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
10 **Choice Neighborhoods Program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the Choice Neighborhoods Program supports locally driven strategies that  
13 address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or U.S. Department of Housing and  
14 Urban Development (“HUD”) assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to  
15 neighborhood transformation; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Choice Neighborhoods Program is focused on three core goals:

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19 1. Housing – Replacing distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income  
20 housing that is well managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood,  
21 2. People – Improving outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment  
22 and income, health, and children’s education,  
23 3. Neighborhood – Creating the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in  
24 distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and  
25 commercial activity, that are important to families’ choices about their communities; and  
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27 WHEREAS, grantees develop and implement a community led Transformation Plan to  
28 achieve the three core goals. The Transformation Plan addresses the revitalization strategy for  
29 the HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhood; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Choice Neighborhoods Program offers two highly competitive grant  
32 opportunities. The Planning Grant is the first phase of the program. In 2020, HUD awarded 11  
33 grantees a Planning Grant of \$450,000.00 each to help develop the Transformation Plan and for  
34 use in “Early Action Activities” which are physical or economic development projects  
35 undertaken during the planning process that are responsive to the needs of the neighborhoods.  
36 The “Early Action Activities” are developed through community engagement and implemented  
37 during the term of the Planning Grant, which is two years from the date the grant is executed;  
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40 WHEREAS, the second grant opportunity is the Implementation Grant which typically  
41 awards 5 grantees with up to \$35,000,000.00 each to help implement the Transformation Plan  
42 over a typical term of 5 years; and

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44 WHEREAS, HUD awarded the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (“AMHA”) and  
45 the City of Akron, as co-grantee, with a Choice Neighborhood Grant in the amount of  
46 \$450,000.00 to develop a Transformation Plan for the Summit Lake neighborhood focusing on  
47 redeveloping AMHA’s 239-unit public housing development, Summit Lake Apartments, as well  
48 as the surrounding area; and

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4 WHEREAS, provided funding is available, AMHA plans to apply for the Choice  
5 Neighborhoods Implementation Grant after development of the Transformation Plan which  
6 should occur around 2023; and

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8 WHEREAS, the total budget submitted to HUD over the two-year planning period of  
9 \$1,236,262.00 includes the development of the revitalization plan and a “Doing While Planning”  
10 project; and

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12 WHEREAS, the “Doing While Planning” project is a physical or economic development  
13 project undertaken during the planning process that is responsive to neighborhood needs.

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15 WHEREAS, total contributions to the revitalization plan and a “Doing While Planning”  
16 project of \$1,236,262.00 include:

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18 HUD	\$450,000.00
19 AMHA	\$286,262.00
20 City of Akron	\$300,000.00
21 Summit County	\$100,000.00
22 Akron Civic Commons	\$25,000.00
23 GAR Foundation	\$25,000.00
24 Huntington-Akron Foundation	\$25,000.00
25 Knight Foundation	\$25,000.00

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29 WHEREAS, the Executive has determined that it is necessary to provide a grant in an  
30 amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 towards AMHA’s local cash match requirement for the  
31 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant; and

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33 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
34 that it is necessary, and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
35 execute a grant agreement with AMHA, to assist it in obtaining the local cash match requirement  
36 necessary to allow AMHA to receive grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and  
37 Urban Development Choice Neighborhoods Program for the Planning Grant of \$450,000.00 to  
38 develop a Transformation Plan for the Summit Lake neighborhood and to begin preparations for  
39 applying for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementations Grant; and

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

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44 SECTION 1

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46 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Akron  
47 Metropolitan Housing Authority (“AMHA”) to assist it in obtaining the local cash match  
48 requirement necessary to allow AMHA to receive grant funds from the U.S. Department of  
49 Housing and Urban Development Choice Neighborhoods Program for the Planning Grant of  
50 \$450,000.00 to develop a Transformation Plan for the Summit Lake neighborhood.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety  
7 and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is necessary  
8 to immediately assist the AMHA in utilizing the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant and begin  
9 preparations for applying for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant.

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11 SECTION 3

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

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17 SECTION 4

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

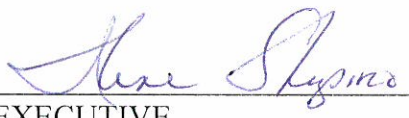
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25 INTRODUCED April 12, 2021

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28 ADOPTED April 26, 2021

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33 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

34 APPROVED April 27, 2021

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39 EXECUTIVE

40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 27, 2021

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