

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-199

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 Summa**
8 **Hospital Foundation on behalf of Summa Hospital for a grant, in an amount not to exceed**
9 **\$1,000,000.00 from the Opiate Litigation settlement funds, to expand the Summa Health**
10 **First Step program into additional areas of the County for a period from August 1, 2021**
11 **through July 31, 2022, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

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27 WHEREAS, the OAAC made a Request for Innovation (RFI) available to receive
28 proposals on funding/expanding specialized services available in the local emergency
29 departments to individuals suffering from an overdose ; and

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31 WHEREAS, Summa Health, which has operated its First Step program for several years
32 at their Barberton and Akron Emergency Departments, seeks to expand their program into their
33 Emergency Department in Green and responded to the RFI to request \$1,000,000 in order to
34 fund such expansion; and

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36 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
37 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
38 execute a grant agreement with the Summa Hospital Foundation on behalf of Summa Hospital,
39 for the aforementioned grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be paid from settlement
40 dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit;

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Summa
48 Hospital Foundation on behalf of Summa Hospital, for a grant in an amount not to exceed
49 \$1,000,000, to expand the First Step Program for the period from 8/1/20 through 7/31/22 using
50 funds from the settlements received in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate
51 Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States
52 District Court, Northern District of Ohio.

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4 SECTION 2

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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 First Step through a grant to the
9 Summa Hospital Foundation.

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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
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
15 effect and be 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
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.

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26 INTRODUCED June 28, 2021


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28 ADOPTED June 28, 2021

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED June 30, 2021

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38 EXECUTIVE

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40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 30, 2021

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