

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-059

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 14, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to amend the grant agreement with the United Way**
8 **of Summit and Medina for the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program, to**
9 **provide an additional \$2,431,732.88, which will provide County residents with rental**
10 **assistance, and utility assistance and declaring such expenditures necessary due to the**
11 **continuing public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-**
12 **19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
15 the health and wellbeing of County residents and has dramatically impacted many residents
16 financially, rendering them unable to cover all of the normal expenses of living; and

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18 WHEREAS, the County has received an additional sum of \$2,431,732.88 from the US
19 Department of the Treasury as a result of the reallocation of ERA grant funds not spent by other
20 jurisdictions to dedicate to the Program; and

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22 WHEREAS, the County, the United Way of Summit and Medina (the "United Way"),
23 Community Legal Aid, Fair Housing Contact Service, Mustard Seed Community Development
24 Corporation, Asian Services In Action, Inc., International Institute of Akron, Akron Metropolitan
25 Housing Authority, the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development
26 and Community Action Akron Summit and the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and
27 Medina Counties partnered to establish a rent and utility assistance program geared toward
28 ensuring that County residents who have been thus impacted are able to remain in their place of
29 residence (the "Program"); and

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31 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2021-061, which
32 established the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program and authorized a grant
33 agreement with the United Way and various community partners in an amount not to exceed
34 \$16,149,837.80 to fund the Program; and

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36 WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2021-284, which
37 authorized the Executive to execute grant agreements in an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000.00
38 for phase two of the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist Summit
39 County residents with rental assistance, utility assistance, eviction prevention, data collection,
40 lender negotiation, financial counseling and other services necessary to allow residents to remain
41 in their place of residence; and

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43 WHEREAS, of the additional grant funds to the Program, the Executive wishes to spend
44 an amount not to exceed \$213,173.00 to fund the administration of the Program by the
45 Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, which will complete the
46 review of applications for funds and prepare vouchers to be sent to the United Way for payment.
47 The Executive further wishes to execute an agreement with the United Way in an amount not to
48 exceed \$30,000.00 in Program funds for its role in administering the Program which will include
49 processing check vouchers for utility providers and landlords; and

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51 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines after reviewing all pertinent information
52 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to

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4 execute the aforementioned amendment to the grant agreements with United Way of Summit and
5 Medina to grant additional funds to the Program; and
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7 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
8 information, that the expenditure is necessary for services related to the Program which
9 continues to be necessary due to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19
10 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 501 of the federal
11 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021;

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13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
14 of Ohio, that;

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16 SECTION 1

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18 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the grant agreement with
19 United Way Summit and Medina (“United Way”) in an amount not to exceed \$2,431,732.88, in
20 order to provide County residents with rental and utility assistance as a part of the Summit
21 County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (the “Program”). The Executive is hereby
22 authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$213,173.00, from the total \$2,431,732.88, to fund
23 the administration of the Program by the Executive’s Department of Community and Economic
24 Development, which will complete the review of applications for funds and prepare vouchers to
25 be sent to the United Way for payment and the Executive is hereby authorized execute an
26 agreement with the United Way in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, from the total
27 \$2,431,732.88, in Program funds for its role in administering the Program.
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29 SECTION 2

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31 This Council finds and declares that such expenditure is necessary due to the continuing
32 public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in compliance
33 with the provisions of Section 501 of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.
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35 SECTION 3

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37 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
38 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately authorize the
39 provision of services related to the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to
40 Summit County residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
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42 SECTION 4

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44 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
45 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
46 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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48 SECTION 5

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50 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
51 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
52 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
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4 SECTION 5 (Continued)

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6 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
7 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

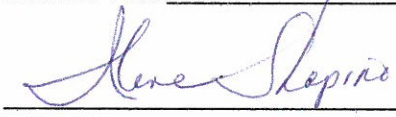
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11 INTRODUCED February 28, 2022

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13 ADOPTED March 14, 2022

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17 CLERK OF COUNCIL


for PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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19 APPROVED March 15, 2022

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25 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 15, 2022

Voice Vote - YES: 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio,
Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Wilhite

ABSENT: Walters