

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-217

First Reading Passage Requested
(B. Nelsen)

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE June 27, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the United Way**
8 **of Summit and Medina for the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program, to**
9 **provide \$13,500,000.00, which will provide County residents with rental assistance, utility**
10 **assistance and eviction prevention 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 the sum of \$15,000,000.00 from the US
19 Department of the Treasury as a result of the reallocation of Emergency Rental Assistance grant
20 funds not spent by other 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, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2022-059, which
44 authorized the Executive to spend an amount not to exceed \$213,173.00 to fund the
45 administration of the Program by the Executive’s Department of Community and Economic
46 Development, which will complete the review of applications for funds and prepare vouchers to
47 be sent to the United Way for payment. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-059, the Executive was
48 authorized to execute an agreement with the United Way in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00
49 in Program funds for its role in administering the Program which will include processing check
50 vouchers for utility providers and landlords; and

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4 WHEREAS, from the \$15,000,000.00 reallocation, the Executive wishes to execute a
5 grant agreement with the United Way for the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance
6 Program, to provide \$13,500,000.00 to the United Way, which will provide County residents
7 with rental assistance, utility assistance and eviction prevention, with an amount not to exceed
8 \$1,500,000.00 held to fund the administration of the Program by the United Way and the
9 Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, which will continue to
10 review applications for funds and prepare vouchers to be sent to the United Way for payment;
11 and

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13 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines after reviewing all pertinent information
14 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
15 execute the aforementioned grant agreement with United Way to grant funds to the Program; and

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17 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
18 information, that the expenditure is necessary for services related to the Program which
19 continues to be necessary due to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19
20 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 501 of the federal
21 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021;

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

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26 SECTION 1

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28 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement with United Way
29 Summit and Medina in an amount not to exceed \$13,500,000.00, in order to provide County
30 residents with rental, utility assistance and eviction prevention as a part of the Summit County
31 Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The Executive is hereby authorized to spend an amount
32 not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, from the total grant amount of \$15,000,000.00 to fund the
33 administration of the Program to be divided between the United Way and the Executive's
34 Department of Community and Economic Development and authorizing the Executive to
35 execute an additional grant to the United Way from the administration funds upon determination
36 of the amount needed for that purpose.

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38 SECTION 2

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

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44 SECTION 3

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46 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
47 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately authorize the
48 provision of services related to the Summit County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to
49 Summit County residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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SECTION 4

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

SECTION 5

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

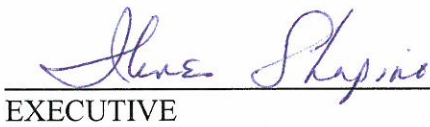
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CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 28, 2022


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 28, 2022

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