

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-299

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro & Ms. Sims

4
5 DATE October 24, 2022

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service**
8 **contract with Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, Inc., to provide**
9 **Employment Preparedness/Placement and Benefits Cliff Support services, for a one-year**
10 **term, from 10/1/22 through 9/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, for the**
11 **Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Jobs and Family Services ("DJFS") seeks to
14 enter into a professional service contract with Akron Community Service Center & Urban
15 League, Inc., to provide Employment Preparedness/Placement and Benefits Cliff Support
16 services; and

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18 WHEREAS, the provided services will assist Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
19 ("TANF") eligible persons in attaining and maintaining employment while assisting them with
20 potential rapid public assistance benefits reductions known as the "benefits cliff". Recipients
21 increasing income due to obtaining employment often quickly experience a reduction or loss of
22 essential benefits, such as, supplemental nutrition assistance program services (SNAP), cash
23 assistance, Medicaid, housing and childcare subsidies. Often benefit losses are not offset by new
24 earnings, making it very difficult to maintain employment; and

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26 WHEREAS, Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, Inc. will provide
27 support to TANF eligible persons in transition to employment via an intensive case management
28 model and will include: job readiness training, career assessment, job training/certification,
29 financial literacy/budgeting, barrier removal support services (such as referral services,
30 transportation, child care, work uniforms/tools/supplies), employer engagement, job placement,
31 job coaching/mentoring and up to 18 months of job retention monitoring; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into a professional services contract with
34 Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, Inc. to provide the above referenced
35 services to be funded utilizing TANF, Benefit Bridge and State General Revenue Funds; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held September 28, 2022, awarded a
38 professional services contract with Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, Inc.,
39 which is exempt from competitive bidding due to the provider's subgrantee status, to provide
40 Employment Preparedness/Placement and Benefits Cliff Support services, for a one-year term,
41 from 10/1/22 through 9/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, subject to confirmation
42 by this Council; and

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44 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
45 that the aforementioned contract with Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, Inc. is
46 necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The award by the Board of Control of a professional services contract with Akron
7 Community Service Center & Urban League, Inc., to provide Employment
8 Preparedness/Placement and Benefits Cliff Support services, for a one-year term, from 10/1/22
9 through 9/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive
10 is hereby authorized to execute said agreement and any necessary related documents.

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12 SECTION 2

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14 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of health, safety, and
15 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to provide
16 Employment Preparedness/Placement and Benefits Cliff Support services beginning on 10/1/22.

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18 SECTION 3

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

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24 SECTION 4

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26 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
27 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
28 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
29 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
30 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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33 INTRODUCED October 3, 2022

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35 ADOPTED October 24, 2022

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39 CLERK OF COUNCIL


40 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

41 APPROVED October 25, 2022

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47 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 26, 2022

Voice Vote - YES: 9-0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
ABSENT: DeVitis, McKenney