

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-023

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 30, 2023

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the University of**  
8 **Akron in an amount not to exceed \$272,527.00, from the Opiate Litigation settlement**  
9 **funds, to create a single multi-year strategic plan of systemic, top-down organizational**  
10 **changes within county agencies to implement trauma informed care for a one-year period,**  
11 **with two options to renew for an additional one-year term, for the Executive, and declaring**  
12 **an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council  
15 authorized the Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement  
16 agreements, in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-  
17 2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of  
18 Ohio (the "Lawsuit"), resulting in an unprecedented amount of settlements; and

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

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24 WHEREAS, the OAAC made a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to receive proposals to  
25 complete an assessment of the current System and, working with the Trauma Informed Care  
26 Coalition and Change Direction Summit County to create recommendations for a countywide  
27 trauma informed care strategic plan including input from public, private and faith-based system  
28 participants; and

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30 WHEREAS, the University of Akron submitted the response that best met the  
31 requirements of the RFP; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Summit County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board will be  
34 providing half of the funding for this endeavor; 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 University of Akron for the aforementioned project in an  
39 amount not to exceed \$272,527.00, for a one-year period, with two options to renew for an  
40 additional one-year term, to be paid from settlement dollars received by the County in the  
41 Lawsuit;

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

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46 SECTION 1

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48 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the University of  
49 Akron, for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$272,527.00, for a one-year period, with two  
50 options to renew for an additional one-year term, to complete an assessment of the current  
51 Trauma Informed Care System and, working with the Trauma Informed Care Coalition and  
52 Change Direction Summit County to create recommendations for a countywide trauma

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4 SECTION 1 (Continued)

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6 informed care strategic plan including input from public, private and faith-based system  
7 participants (the "Project") using funds from the settlements received in litigation titled In re:  
8 National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan Aaron  
9 Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
14 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the Executive  
15 wishes to immediately provide support to the University of Akron through a grant to complete  
16 the Project.

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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 January 30, 2023

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35 ADOPTED February 13, 2023

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38 Lauren Mauer  
39 CLERK OF COUNCIL

Vernice R. Sims  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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41 APPROVED February 13, 2023

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44 Steve Shapiro  
45 EXECUTIVE

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47 ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 13, 2023

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