

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-178

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro and Veronica Sims

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5 DATE June 5, 2023 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 United Labor Agency, to provide Benefit Bridge services, for a one-year**
9 **term, from 7/1/23 through 9/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$606,000.00, for the**
10 **Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Jobs and Family Services (“DJFS”) seeks to
13 enter into a professional service contract with United Labor Agency, to provide Benefit Bridge
14 services; and

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

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24 WHEREAS, United Labor Agency will provide support for those transitioning to
25 employment via an intensive case management model and will include: job readiness training,
26 career assessment, job training/certification referrals, financial literacy/budgeting, peer
27 mentoring, barrier removal support services (such as referral services, rent and utility assistance,
28 transportation, child care, work uniforms/tools/supplies), employer engagement, earned cash
29 incentives, job placement, job coaching/mentoring and up to 18 months of job retention
30 monitoring; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into a professional services contract with
33 United Labor Agency to provide the above referenced services to be funded utilizing Temporary
34 Assistance to Needy Families (“TANF”), Benefit Bridge and State General Revenue Funds; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held May 31, 2023, awarded a
37 professional services contract with United Labor Agency, which is exempt from competitive
38 bidding due to the provider’s subgrantee status, to provide Benefits Bridge services, for a one-
39 year term, from 7/1/23 through 9/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$606,000.00, subject to
40 confirmation by this Council; and

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42 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
43 that the aforementioned contract with United Labor Agency is necessary and in the best interest
44 of the County of Summit;

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46 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
47 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 United Labor
7 Agency, to provide Benefits Bridge services, for a one-year term, from 7/1/23 through 9/30/24,
8 in an amount not to exceed \$606,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby
9 authorized to execute said agreement and any other necessary related documents.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of health, safety, and
14 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to provide Benefits
15 Bridge services beginning on 7/1/23.

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17 SECTION 3

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

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23 SECTION 4

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

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31 INTRODUCED June 5, 2023

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33 ADOPTED June 26, 2023

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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40 APPROVED June 26, 2023

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46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 27, 2023