

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-317

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE October 16, 2023

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction**  
8 **Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to provide additional services to**  
9 **Summit County Residents and launch two pilot programs to assist older adults with aging**  
10 **in place, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, for**  
11 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, a survey of Summit County residents shows that 96% of older adults in  
14 Summit County want to age in place and stay in their homes as long as possible; and

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16 WHEREAS, there is a great need for long-term support and services for older adults in  
17 Summit County; and

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19 WHEREAS, small issues such as a missing step, a broken light, an outlet that does not  
20 work can become serious barriers to our older residents and their families, and these smaller  
21 fixes are often ineligible for the County’s existing home repair programs; and

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23 WHEREAS, digital literacy and access are important in today’s society and older adults  
24 face disparities in technology use and accessibility, and this Council previously adopted  
25 Resolution No. 2023-291, reaffirming the County’s commitment to digital equity for all Summit  
26 County residents; and

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28 WHEREAS, Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities  
29 provides services to seniors in Summit County and is in a position to expand their operations in  
30 the County to provide core community services to additional residents, launch a chore services  
31 pilot program, and launch a digital inclusion pilot program; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction  
34 Home to provide \$4,000,000.00 for the aforementioned service expansion for a period of one  
35 year; and

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37 WHEREAS, \$1,360,653.11 of the funds will be provided from the County’s allocation of  
38 the State of Ohio’s Healthy Aging Grant, established in 2023 through Ohio House Bill 33, which  
39 has a grant end date of 9/30/24, and the remaining \$2,639,346.89 will be provided from the  
40 County’s allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and available to cover  
41 expenditures through 12/31/24; and

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43 WHEREAS, these funds will be used to 1) provide core community-based services, such  
44 as case management, care navigation and coordination, meals, services to caregivers, minor  
45 home modification, evidence based wellness programming, transportation to medical  
46 appointments, and other services 2) launch a chore services pilot program that includes minor  
47 home maintenance and repairs, heavy household cleaning, non-routine disposal of garbage, yard  
48 maintenance, and pest control, and 3) launch a digital inclusion pilot program to reduce the  
49 disparities in technology use and accessibility, which includes hiring Digital Navigators; and

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4 WHEREAS, these services will allow Summit County residents to maintain a clean and  
5 safe living environment in order to age at home for as long as possible and provide digital  
6 literacy and access to older adults; and

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

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11 SECTION 1

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13 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction  
14 Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to expand their operations in the  
15 County to provide core community services to additional residents, launch a chore services pilot  
16 program, and launch a digital inclusion pilot program, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total  
17 amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any other  
18 necessary related documents.

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20 SECTION 2

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
23 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
24 approve the aforementioned Subaward Agreement in order to enable to Direction Home Canton  
25 Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to provide necessary services as expeditiously as possible.

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27 SECTION 3

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

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33 SECTION 4

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35 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
36 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
37 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
38 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
39 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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41 INTRODUCED October 16, 2023

42 ADOPTED October 30, 2023

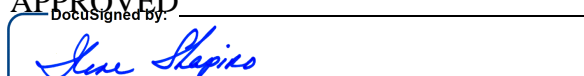
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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47 APPROVED October 30, 2023

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49 EXECUTIVE

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51 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 31, 2023

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

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