

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-011

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 6, 2025 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 continue the provision of**
9 **additional services to Summit County Residents and continue one pilot program to assist**
10 **older adults with aging in place, from 10/1/24 through 12/31/25, in a total amount not to**
11 **exceed \$3,200,000.00, for 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 there is a
15 great need for long-term support and services for older adults in Summit County; and

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

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22 WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2023-317, authorizing the
23 Executive to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency
24 on Aging & Disabilities (“Direction Home”) to provide additional services to Summit County
25 Residents and launch two pilot programs to assist older adults with aging in place; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to extend this support in 2025 by providing an
28 additional \$3,200,000.00 in funding to allow Direction Home to continue to provide additional
29 services to residents and to continue one of the two pilot programs launched in 2024; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction
32 Home to provide \$3,200,000.00 for the aforementioned services for a period of one year; and

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34 WHEREAS, the funds will be provided from the County’s allocation American Rescue
35 Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which has a grant end date of 12/31/2025; and

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

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

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction
7 Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to continue the provision of
8 additional services to Summit County Residents and continue one pilot programs to assist older
9 adults with aging in place, from 10/1/24 through 12/31/25, in a total amount not to exceed
10 \$3,200,000.00, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any other necessary related
11 documents.

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13 SECTION 2

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

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20 SECTION 3

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

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26 SECTION 4

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28 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
29 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
30 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
31 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
32 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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35 INTRODUCED January 6, 2025

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41 CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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