

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-175

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE June 2, 2025 COMMITTEE Finance

A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with The Akron Art Museum for sponsorship of the Idea Machine Exhibition, for a two-year period, in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Idea Machine Exhibition is a major new initiative that will be a dynamic, artist-designed exhibition space that brings creativity, education, and public engagement to the forefront of The Akron Art Museum's mission; and

WHEREAS, the Exhibition will be housed in the Museum's historic 1899 Post Office building at the corner of Market and High Streets, currently undergoing a transformative renovation; and

WHEREAS, this immersive, participatory gallery will radically expand access to the arts for families, students, and lifelong learners across Summit County by allowing visitors to engage with art in a way that transforms the creative process into an experience that anyone can shape; and

WHEREAS; launching in 2026, the Idea Machine Exhibition will debut with an original, interactive installation by artist CHIAOZZA, followed by a rotating schedule of artist-led exhibitions. These immersive experiences will welcome tens of thousands of visitors annually, with a goal of serving over 100,000 people per year as the program reaches full capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to provide a grant to The Akron Art Museum for sponsorship of the Idea Machine Exhibition, for a two-year period, in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to execute a grant agreement with The Akron Art Museum;

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

SECTION 1

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other necessary related documents with The Akron Art Museum for sponsorship of the Idea Machine Exhibition, for a two-year period, in the amount of \$100,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately approve the aforementioned grant agreement.

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4 SECTION 3

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

10 SECTION 4

12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

19 INTRODUCED June 2, 2025

21 ADOPTED June 16, 2025

22 Signed by:

23 Monique Willis

25 ~~CLERK OF COUNCIL~~

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Rita S. Darrow

~~PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL~~

27 APPROVED June 16, 2025

28 Signed by:

29 June Shapiro

31 ~~EXECUTIVE~~

Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,
McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 17, 2025