

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-189

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE June 16, 2025 COMMITTEE Finance

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with ArtsNow to**
8 **support the Polsky Building Arts & Culture Project, which aims to expand the arts and**
9 **culture facilities and programming in the Polsky Building, located in the City of Akron, in**
10 **Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring**
11 **an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, ArtsNow, the University of Akron, and the County of Summit are
14 partnering to expand the arts and culture facilities in the Polsky Building, located at 225 S. Main
15 St., Akron OH (the “Polsky Building”), and open public art space for the community; and

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17 WHEREAS, ArtsNow plans to support the development and implementation of arts
18 programming within the newly renovated Polsky Building and work with partners to establish
19 the Polsky Building as a key component of downtown Akron’s cultural and arts landscape,
20 serving the greater Summit County region (the “Polsky Building Arts & Culture Project”); and

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22 WHEREAS, the Polsky Building Arts & Culture Project will include programming,
23 gallery and boutique collaboration, increased engagement with University of Akron students,
24 programming and events, and community partnerships; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to provide a grant to ArtsNow to provide funds in the
27 amount of \$600,000.00 to support the Polsky Building Arts & Culture Project; and

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

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

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36 SECTION 1

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38 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other necessary
39 related documents with ArtsNow to support the Polsky Building Arts & Culture Project, which
40 aims to expand the arts and culture facilities and programming in the Polsky Building, located in
41 the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

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43 SECTION 2

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

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4 SECTION 3

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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.

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10 SECTION 4

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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.

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19 INTRODUCED June 16, 2025

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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