1 2	RESOLUTIO	N NO. <u>2025-231</u>			
3	SPONSOR	Executive Shapiro			
5	DATE	August 18, 2025	COMMITTEE	Human Services	

An amended Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for <u>Federal State</u> Fiscal Year 2026 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge, State General Revenue Fund, and Food Assistance Employment and Training funds, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,569,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services wishes to enter into professional service contracts with various providers to provide Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF"), Benefit Bridge ("BB"), State General Revenue Fund ("GRF"), Food Assistance Employment and Training ("FAET") funded services, a list of which is set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the contracts address obstacles to self-sufficiency by ensuring access to temporary family stability services and employment attainment/retention services, and also provide Benefit Bridge support services which assist individuals experiencing rapid reductions in public assistance benefits, caused by increased household earnings as they transition to employment, known as the "benefits cliff". These services are necessary as often increased earnings are not enough to replace lost benefits, such as, supplemental nutrition assistance program services ("SNAP"), cash assistance, Medicaid, housing and childcare subsidies, making it very difficult to maintain employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held August 13, 2025, awarded professional service contracts with various providers as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated, which are exempt from competitive bidding due to the providers' subgrantee status, for Federal State Fiscal Year 2026 TANF, BB, GRF, and FAET funded services, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,569,000.00, subject to confirmation by this Council; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information that the aforementioned professional service contracts with various providers set forth in Exhibit A are necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

## **SECTION 1**

The award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated, for Federal State Fiscal Year 2026 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge, State General Revenue Fund, and Food Assistance Employment and Training funds, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,569,000.00, are hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contracts and any other necessary related documents.

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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 authorize the Executive to execute the aforementioned professional service contracts in order to enable said providers to provide necessary services as expeditiously as possible.

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## **SECTION 3**

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

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## **SECTION 4**

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

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Voice Vote – YES: 10 - 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,

McKenney, Schmidt, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 9, 2025