

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-278

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole4
5 DATE September 22, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a third amendment to a grant agreement**
8 **with the Akron Community Foundation to provide additional funds, in an amount not to**
9 **exceed \$500,000.00, to the Opiate Small Grant Program to provide grants, in an amount not**
10 **to exceed \$25,000.00 per grantee, to be paid from the Opiate Litigation settlement monies,**
11 **for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
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13 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council previously
14 authorized the Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement
15 agreements, in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-
16 2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of
17 Ohio (the "Lawsuit"), with any manufacturing or distributor Defendant, regardless of market share
18 of the opioid market in Summit County and to additionally authorize settlement with any pharmacy
19 Defendants; and
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21 WHEREAS, the County has received monies as a result of settlement of the Lawsuit; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Executive convened the Key Stakeholders Group and the Opiate
24 Abatement Advisory Council ("OAAC") to help determine how to spend the opiate money to best
25 serve the residents of the County; and
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27 WHEREAS, the OAAC determined that there are numerous small non-profit agencies in
28 the community that are providing grass-roots assistance to individuals addicted to opiates and their
29 families, and that such organizations, which usually require not more than \$25,000.00 towards
30 their mission, are not typically funded by larger agencies, such as the ADM Board, but which
31 nonetheless help to abate the public health emergency that has come from the proliferation of
32 opiates; and
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34 WHEREAS, in response to the OAAC's findings, this Council subsequently adopted
35 Resolution No. 2021-200, which authorized the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the
36 Akron Community Foundation ("ACF") in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to be paid from
37 funds received from the Lawsuit to fund the Opiate Small Grant Program pursuant to procedures
38 established in cooperation between ACF, the County, the OAAC and the Key Stakeholders group;
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41 WHEREAS, due to the continued need for assistance and the success of the grant program,
42 this Council subsequently adopted Resolution Nos. 2022-043 and 2023-205, which authorized the
43 Executive to execute amendments to the grant agreement to provide additional funding not to
44 exceed \$250,000.00 and \$500,000.00, respectively; and
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46 WHEREAS, the Opiate Small Grant Program has been operated by ACF in accordance
47 with policies and procedures adopted in cooperation with the County, the OAAC and the Key
48 Stakeholders and is subject to review by the County's Department of Internal Auditing; and
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WHEREAS, due to the continued need for assistance from the Opiate Small Grant Program and the quality results from the original and second rounds of funding, the Executive wishes to contribute additional funds to the Program totaling \$500,000.00 to provide programmatic and operational grants not to exceed \$25,000.00 each to small non-profit entities that provide assistance and relief to individuals addicted to opiates and their families, such grants being provided to both new agencies, and agencies who previously received funds and that achieved positive results; and

WHEREAS, this additional funding will bring the total contributions to the Opiate Small Grant Program to \$1,750,000.00; 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 an amendment to the grant agreement with ACF to provide additional funding to the Opiate Small Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to be paid from settlement dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit and due to the public health emergency with respect to opiate addiction;

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

SECTION 1

This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a third amendment to a grant agreement with the Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”) to provide additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to the Opiate Small Grant Program which is operated pursuant to procedures established in cooperation between ACF, the County, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council (“OAAC”) and the Key Stakeholders group.

SECTION 2

The additional funding to the ACF for the Opiate Small Grant Program shall be paid from funds received litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the “Lawsuit”) and the Program will be operated according to procedures pursuant to the original grant agreement and program guidelines.

SECTION 3

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 that the County wishes to authorize the Executive to execute an amendment to a grant agreement with ACF to fund the Opiate Small Grant Program to further address the public health emergency with respect to opiate addiction.

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4 SECTION 4

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

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10 SECTION 5

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

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20 INTRODUCED September 22, 2025

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23 ADOPTED October 6, 2025

24 Signed by:
25 Monique Willis

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27 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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30 APPROVED October 6, 2025

31 Signed by:
32 Steve Shapiro

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34 EXECUTIVE

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

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36 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 7, 2025