

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-307

First Reading Passage Requested

(Executive Shapiro)

LATE FILING

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Darrow, Ms. Dickinson,
Mr. Licate, Ms. Higham, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

DATE October 27, 2025 COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank, to provide emergency food assistance to Summit County residents affected by the loss of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) food assistance, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, more than 77,000 Summit County residents residing in nearly 43,000 households, receive an average of \$15 million per month in food assistance through the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”); and

WHEREAS, as of October 27, 2025, Congress has not passed a federal budget or appropriated funding for the continuation of SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated October 10, 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture notified Regional SNAP Directors and SNAP State Agency Directors that there will be insufficient funds to pay full November SNAP benefits for approximately 42 million individuals across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, many impacted Summit County residents will likely turn to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank and other local non-profit food providers for emergency food assistance; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously approved amended Resolution 2025-231, confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers, including \$324,000 with the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank for Food Distribution Services; and

WHEREAS, in light of the need created by the Federal Government’s shutdown, the Executive has proposed providing a grant to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank to provide additional emergency food assistance to Summit County residents affected by the loss of SNAP food assistance, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00; 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-Canton Regional Food Bank;

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-Canton Regional Food Bank, to provide emergency food assistance to Summit County residents affected by the loss of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) food assistance, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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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 provide for emergency food assistance due to the impending loss of SNAP benefits.

SECTION 3

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.

SECTION 4

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.

INTRODUCED October 27, 2025

ADOPTED October 27, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 27, 2025

Signed by:

Steve Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 9 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Wilhite
Absent: Ford, Walters

ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 28, 2025