

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-309

First Reading Passage Requested

(Mr. Wilhite)

SPONSOR Mr. Wilhite, Ms. Darrow, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Ford,
Ms. Higham, Mr. Kacyon, Mr. Licate, Mrs. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters

DATE November 10, 2025

COMMITTEE Human Services

A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement totaling \$56,250.00 with the United Way of Summit and Medina for a program to distribute grocery gift cards to Summit County residents, due to the ongoing need for additional food assistance, and authorizing the contribution of grocer gift cards owned by the Couty, with an estimated total value of up to \$30,750.00 and an additional \$25,500.00 cash contribution for the purchase of additional grocer gift cards under said grant agreement, for this Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, this council previously authorized Resolution 2025-307, 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; and

WHEREAS, this council desires to provide additional food resources to benefit residents who may be impacted by the loss of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") food assistance; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2022-248, creating the voluntary Summit County Gun Buyback and Safety Training Initiative, authorizing the Sheriff to facilitate a gun buyback event, and authorizing the Executive to procure up to \$55,000.00 of gift cards, gun locks, education materials, advertising and other related event expenses; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$30,750.00 of these gift cards remain on hand, which may be used for this program; and

WHEREAS, this Council has identified funding and will commit an additional cash match totaling \$15,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has offered to provide a \$10,000 cash match to Council's contributions of said gift cards and cash match; 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 totaling \$56,250.00 with the United Way of Summit and Medina for a program to distribute grocery gift cards to Summit County residents, due to the ongoing need for additional food assistance, and authorizing the contribution of grocer gift cards owned by the Couty, with an estimated total value of up to \$30,750.00 and an additional \$25,500.00 cash contribution for the purchase of additional grocer gift cards under said grant agreement.

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

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SECTION 1

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any documents necessary to transfer grocer gift cards, with an estimated total value of up to \$30,750.00, to the United Way of Summit and Medina for distribution to Summit County residents due to the ongoing need for additional food assistance and to provide an additional \$25,500.00 cash contribution for the purchase of additional grocer gift cards .

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 support to Summit County residents.

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 November 10, 2025

ADOPTED November 10, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 10, 2025

Signed by:

Steve Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 12, 2025