

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-355**First Reading Passage Requested****(H. Miller)**2  
3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro4  
5 DATE December 8, 2025COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to approval by the Board of Control, to**  
8 **execute a professional service agreement with Vantage Aging, as a Best Practical Source, to**  
9 **provide meal delivery services to certain income-qualified residents, for a one-year term,**  
10 **for the period of 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, with four options to renew for an additional one-year**  
11 **term, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 over the total contract period including**  
12 **renewals, for the Executive's Department of Community & Economic Development, and**  
13 **declaring an emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, a survey of Summit County residents shows that 96% of older adults in  
16 Summit County want to age in place and stay in their homes as long as possible and there is a  
17 great need for long-term support and services for older adults in Summit County; and

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19 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution Nos. 2023-317, 2025-075, and  
20 2025-232, authorizing the Executive to execute various Subaward Agreement with Direction  
21 Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities ("Direction Home") to launch the  
22 Aging in Place Program to provide services to Summit County Residents to assist older adults  
23 with aging in place; and

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25 WHEREAS, residents enrolled in the Aging in Place Program received, among other  
26 services, home-delivered meals, and the Aging in Place Program concludes on December 31,  
27 2025; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council wish to provide continued meal-delivery  
30 services to income-qualified residents that are currently enrolled in the Aging in Place Program  
31 through the creation of a new, limited program; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Community & Economic Development will  
34 leverage federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funding to launch the  
35 Summit Meal Delivery Program (the "Program") to serve residents previously enrolled in the  
36 Aging in Place program that received meal delivery services and that income-qualify at or below  
37 80% of the Area Median Income; and

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39 WHEREAS, the funds for this new Program will be provided from the County's allocation  
40 of CDBG funds for residents residing outside the cities of Akron, Barberton, and Cuyahoga Falls  
41 and the County's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds for residents residing  
42 in those cities; and

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44 WHEREAS, Vantage Aging currently provides meals to numerous residents enrolled in  
45 the Aging in Place program through a subcontract with Direction Home and the Executive  
46 wishes to execute a contract with Vantage Aging to directly provide home-delivered meals under  
47 the new Summit Meal Delivery Program; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to execute a professional service agreement with  
5 Vantage Aging, as a Best Practical Source, to provide meal delivery services to certain income-  
6 qualified residents, for a one-year term, for the period of 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, with four options to  
7 renew for an additional one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 over the total  
8 contract period including renewals; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Contract with Vantage Aging is exempt from competitive bidding  
11 pursuant to Sections 177.01(h)(4)(D) and 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the County  
12 of Summit as a Best Practical Source as Vantage Aging currently provides meals to numerous  
13 residents enrolled in the previous program and is uniquely positioned to continue the provision of  
14 meals under this new program with limited disruptions to services to the residents transitioning  
15 to the new program; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting to be held on December 10, 2025, will  
18 consider the professional service agreement with Vantage Aging, as a Best Practical Source, to  
19 provide meal delivery services to certain income-qualified residents, for a one-year term, for the  
20 period of 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, with four options to renew for an additional one-year term, in an  
21 amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 over the total contract period including renewals, subject to  
22 approval by this Council; and  
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24 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
25 that the aforementioned professional service contract with Vantage Aging is necessary and in the  
26 best interest of the County of Summit; and  
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
29 of Ohio, that:  
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### 31 SECTION 1

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33 The Executive, subject to approval by the Board of Control, is hereby authorized to  
34 execute a professional service agreement and any other related documents with Vantage Aging,  
35 as a Best Practical Source, to provide meal delivery services to certain income-qualified  
36 residents, for a one-year term, for the period of 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, with four options to renew for  
37 an additional one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 over the total contract  
38 period including renewals.  
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### 40 SECTION 2

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42 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
43 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
44 approve the aforementioned Subaward Agreement in order to enable the creation of the Summit  
45 Meal Delivery Program.  
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### 47 SECTION 3

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49 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
50 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
51 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.  
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4 SECTION 4

6 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
7 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
8 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
9 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
10 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

13 INTRODUCED December 8, 2025

15 ADOPTED December 8, 2025

Signed by:

*Monique Willis*

19 CLERK OF COUNCIL...

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*Rita J. Darrow*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL...

21 APPROVED December 8, 2025

Signed by:

*Steve Shapiro*

25 EXECUTIVE...

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

27 ENACTED EFFECTIVE December 9, 2025