

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-110

**(First Reading Passage Requested)**

**(D. Matz)**

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

3 DATE April 27, 2020

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with the**  
8 **Summit County Combined General Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health,**  
9 **for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, to operate a needle exchange program**  
10 **from 4/1/20 through 3/31/21, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, County Council  
13 authorized the County Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding  
14 settlement agreements, in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No.  
15 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern  
16 District of Ohio (the "Lawsuit"), with any manufacturing or distributor Defendant, regardless of  
17 market share of the opioid market in Summit County and to additionally authorize settlement  
18 with any pharmacy Defendants; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County has received monies as a result of settlement of the Lawsuit; and

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22 WHEREAS, the experts in the Lawsuit determined that the County and its communities  
23 have four main areas of concern: (1) Treatment; (2) Harm Reduction; (3) System Coordination;  
24 and (4) Education/Prevention; and

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26 WHEREAS, the County Executive has convened a Key Stakeholders Group to oversee  
27 expenditure of settlement funds in these four areas; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Key Stakeholders have recommended to County Council that it  
30 authorize a grant from the settlement funds, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, to the  
31 Summit County Combined General Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health to  
32 operate a needle exchange program from 4/1/20 through 3/31/21; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County  
36 Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health  
37 District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health, for the aforementioned grant, in an amount not to  
38 exceed \$180,000.00;

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

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43 SECTION 1

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45 The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the  
46 Summit County Combined General Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health, for a  
47 grant, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, to operate a needle exchange program from  
48 4/1/20 through 3/31/21.  
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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the County  
8 wishes to immediately provide support through a grant to the Summit County Combined General  
9 Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health, to operate a needle exchange program from  
10 4/1/20 through 3/31/21.

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12 SECTION 3

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

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18 SECTION 4

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20 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
21 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
22 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
23 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
24 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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27 INTRODUCED April 27, 2020

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29 ADOPTED April 27, 2020

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33 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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37 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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39 APPROVED April 28, 2020

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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 28, 2020

Voice Vote YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,  
McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite