

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-216

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro & Council of the First Reading Passage Requested
3 Whole (P. Montgomery)

4 DATE July 13, 2020 COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to establish the Summit County CARES**
8 **Utility Relief Program, in collaboration with the County Executive's Department of Job**
9 **and Family Services and Community Action Akron Summit, and to execute a grant**
10 **agreement with Community Action Akron Summit in a total amount not to exceed**
11 **\$1,000,000.00, utilizing funding received by the County under Section 5001 of the federal**
12 **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") and declaring such**
13 **expenditure necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus**
14 **Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the County Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

15 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
16 the health and wellbeing of the residents of Summit County and has dramatically impacted many
17 residents financially, rendering them unable to cover all of the normal expenses of living; and

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19 WHEREAS, the County, the County Executive's Department of Job and Family Services
20 ("DJFS") and Community Action Akron Summit ("CAAS") have partnered to establish the
21 Summit County CARES Utility Relief Program geared toward ensuring that Summit County
22 residents who have been thus impacted are able to bring their delinquent utility bills current (the
23 "Program"); and

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25 WHEREAS, the Program will be administered by CAAS in accordance with guidelines
26 to be established by DJFS together with CAAS; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County wishes to make a grant to CAAS, in a total amount not to exceed
29 \$1,000,000.00, from funding received under Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief
30 and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") to fund the Program with an effective date of July 1,
31 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020 or when the funding of the Program is fully expended,
32 whichever occurs first; 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 create the Utility Relief
36 Program and to execute a grant agreement with CAAS in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00
37 utilizing CARES Act funds; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
40 information, that creating the Summit County CARES Utility Relief Program and authorizing the
41 grant of an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to provide utility bill relief to qualified Summit
42 County Residents is necessary due to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19
43 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of the federal
44 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act;

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46 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
47 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with
7 Community Action Akron Summit (“CAAS”) in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to be
8 paid from funds received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act
9 (“CARES Act”), which will be used provide utility assistance to qualified Summit County
10 residents, necessary due to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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12 SECTION 2

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14 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$1,000,000.00 under the
15 aforementioned agreement is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the
16 COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of the
17 federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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19 SECTION 3

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21 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
22 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
23 authorize the County’s financial assistance to Summit County residents who have been adversely
24 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the Summit County Cares Utility Relief Program can
25 be commenced and completed as expeditiously as possible.

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27 SECTION 4

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

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33 SECTION 5

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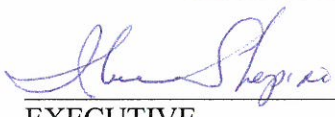


CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED July 14, 2020



EXECUTIVE

July 14, 2020

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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