

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-232

First Reading Passage Requested

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(D. Matz)

3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE _____

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute grant agreements with**
8 **Community Legal Aid in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, Fair Housing Contact**
9 **Service in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, and ratifying the County Executive’s**
10 **execution of a grant agreement with the Mustard Seed Development Corporation in an**
11 **amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for data collection, lender negotiation, financial**
12 **counseling and other services related to the Summit County CARES Program and to ratify**
13 **administrative fees paid to the United Way of Summit County, and declaring such**
14 **expenditures necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus**
15 **Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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21 WHEREAS, the County, the United Way of Summit County (the “United Way”),
22 Community Legal Aid, Fair Housing Contact Service, the Battered Women’s Shelter of Summit
23 and Medina Counties and Community Action Akron Summit have partnered, in cooperation with
24 the City of Akron, to establish a rental and mortgage assistance program geared toward ensuring
25 that Summit County residents who have been thus impacted are able to remain in their place of
26 residence which will be called the Summit County CARES Program (the “Program”); and

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28 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2020-192, which
29 established the Program and authorized a grant agreement with the United Way in an amount not
30 to exceed \$6,500,000.00, utilizing \$5,000,000.00 of CARES Act funds and \$1,500,000.00 of a
31 combination of TANF and Title XX; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into grant agreements with Community Legal
34 Aid in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, and with the Fair Housing Contact Service in an
35 amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, for data collection, lender negotiation, financial counsel and
36 other services related to the Program; and

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38 WHEREAS, it is necessary to ratify the County Executive’s execution of a grant
39 agreement with the Mustard Seed Development Corporation, in an amount not to exceed
40 \$50,000.00, to provide said services related to the Program; and

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42 WHEREAS, it is further necessary to ratify administrative fees totaling \$285,117.85, for
43 the United Way for the administration of the Summit County CARES Program and included in
44 the agreements authorized under 2020-192; and

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46 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines after reviewing all pertinent information
47 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County
48 Executive to execute the aforementioned grant agreements with Community Legal Aid and the
49 Fair Housing Contact Service and to ratify the County Executive’s execution of a the
50 aforementioned grant agreement with Mustard Seed Development Corporation for the provision
51 of said services related to the Program and the administrative fees paid to the United Way; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
5 information, that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 for the grant
6 agreements with Community Legal Aid, the Fair Housing Contact Service and the Mustard Seed
7 Development Corporation for services related to the Program is necessary due to the public
8 health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the
9 provisions of Section 5001 of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act;

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
12 of Ohio, that;

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14 SECTION 1

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16 The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements with Community
17 Legal Aid in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, and with Fair Housing Contact Service in an
18 amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for data collection, lender negotiation, financial counsel and
19 other services related to the Summit County CARES Program.

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21 SECTION 2

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23 The County Executive's execution of a grant agreement with Mustard Seed Development
24 Corporation, for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for data collection, lender
25 negotiation, financial counsel and other services related to the Summit County CARES Program
26 is hereby ratified.

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28 SECTION 3

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30 Administrative fees totaling \$285,117.85, for the United Way for the administration of
31 the Summit County CARES Program and included in the agreements authorized under 2020-192
32 are hereby ratified.

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34 SECTION 4

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36 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed
37 \$160,000.00 for the grant agreements with Community Legal Aid, Fair Housing Contact Service
38 and Mustard Seed Development Corporation for services related to the Summit County CARES
39 Program is necessary due to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic,
40 and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of federal Coronavirus Aid,
41 Relief and Economic Security Act.

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43 SECTION 5

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45 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
46 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately authorize the
47 provision of services related to the Summit County CARES Program to Summit County
48 residents that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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4 SECTION 6

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

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10 SECTION 7

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
15 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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20 INTRODUCED July 27, 2020

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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