

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-299 First Reading Passage Requested
2 (B. Nelsen)

3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE September 21, 2020 COMMITTEE: Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an additional grant agreement with the**
8 **Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to be used**
9 **to fund additional grants to Summit County small businesses not previously awarded**
10 **through the Summit County COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program**
11 **created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and declaring such expenditure necessary**
12 **due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-**
13 **19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

14 WHEREAS, this Council in Resolution No. 2020-094, authorized the original funding of
15 the Summit County COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program (“the
16 Program”) using General Fund monies as well as CDBG funding; and

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18 WHEREAS, this Council in Resolution No. 2020-126, authorized additional funding of
19 \$5,400,000.00 to be paid from funds received by the County pursuant to section 5001 of the
20 federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) to the Program to
21 conduct a second round of small business grants; and

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23 WHEREAS, this Council in Resolution No. 2020-193 authorized additional funds to the
24 Program in the amount \$1,300,000.00 to be paid from CARES Act funds to allow for complete
25 funding of round 2 of small business grants; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Executive desires to contribute additional funds to the Program in the
28 amount of \$5,000,000.00 from the funds received pursuant to the CARES Act in order allow for
29 an additional round of applications to be accepted for consideration; and

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31 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
32 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
33 execute the aforementioned grant agreement with the Chamber to provide additional grants to
34 Summit County small businesses through the Program; and

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36 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
37 information, that the expenditure of \$5,000,000.00 under the aforementioned grant agreement
38 with the Chamber is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19
39 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal
40 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

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

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45 SECTION I

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47 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the
48 Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce (“Chamber”) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to
49 be paid from funds received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security
50 Act

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4 SECTION 1 (continued)

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6 (“CARES Act”), which will be used for additional grants to Summit County small businesses
7 through the Summit County COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program (the
8 “Program”).
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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$5,000,000.00 under the
13 aforementioned grant agreement with the Chamber is necessary due to the public health
14 emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the
15 provisions of section 5001 of the CARES Act.
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17 SECTION 3

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19 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
20 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
21 authorize the County’s further financial assistance to Summit County small businesses who have
22 been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can be commenced and
23 completed as expeditiously as possible.
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25 SECTION 4

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27 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
28 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be
29 in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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31 SECTION 5

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33 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to
34 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
35 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
36 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the
37 Ohio Revised Code.
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39 INTRODUCED September 21, 2020

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41 ADOPTED September 21, 2020

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44 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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49 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

46 APPROVED September 22, 2020

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ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote: YES 10-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Prentice