

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-304 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: Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Direction Home**  
8 **Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities in an amount not to exceed**  
9 **\$610,000.00, utilizing funding received by the County under Section 5001 of the federal**  
10 **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) to provide elderly and**  
11 **disabled members of the community with technology to achieve connectivity and declaring**  
12 **such expenditure necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the**  
13 **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

14 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on  
15 the health and wellbeing of the residents of Summit County and has dramatically impacted many  
16 elderly and disabled residents who are more vulnerable to the disease such that they must shelter  
17 at home, cutting them off from essential social and medical connections and necessary services;  
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20 Section 1. WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to make a grant to Direction Home Akron  
21 Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities (“Direction Home”), in a total amount not to  
22 exceed \$610,000.00, from funding received under Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid,  
23 Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) to fund the purchase of computers and  
24 associated peripherals, meals and wellness kits for qualified Summit County residents and fund  
25 those services identified in the Direction Home—CARES Act Funding Proposal for Summit  
26 County, attached as Exhibit A; and

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28 WHEREAS, Direct Home will work with partners in the community such as the Nursing  
29 Facility Taskforce, Summit County Nursing Facilities, Probate Court & Volunteer Guardianship  
30 Program, Foster Grandparents, ASIA, Inc., Tri-County Independent Living Center and the  
31 Summit County Public Library to identify residents in need of such technology; and

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33 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
34 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
35 execute a grant agreement with Direction Home in an amount not to exceed \$610,000.00  
36 utilizing CARES Act funds; and

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38 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
39 information, that authorizing the grant of an amount not to exceed \$610,000.00 to provide  
40 technology, meals and wellness kits to qualified Summit County Residents is necessary due to  
41 the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in  
42 compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and  
43 Economic Security Act;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a grant agreement with  
7 Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities (“Direction Home”) in an  
8 amount not to exceed \$610,000.00, to be paid from funds received from the federal Coronavirus  
9 Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), which will be used to provide those  
10 services identified in the Direction Home—CARES Act Funding Proposal for Summit County,  
11 attached as Exhibit A, to qualified elderly and disabled Summit County residents impacted by  
12 the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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14 SECTION 2

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16 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$610,000.00 under the  
17 aforementioned agreement is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the  
18 COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in compliance with the provisions of Section 5001 of the  
19 federal CARES Act.

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21 SECTION 3

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23 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
24 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately  
25 authorize the County’s financial assistance to Direction Home to assist elderly and disabled  
26 residents who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the project can be  
27 commenced and completed as expeditiously as possible.

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29 SECTION 4

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

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35 SECTION 5

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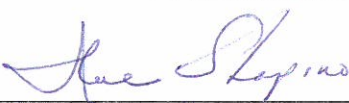
INTRODUCED September 21, 2020

ADOPTED September 21, 2020

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 22, 2020

  
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EXECUTIVE

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