

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-343

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(B. Nelsen)**

2 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE October 26, 2020

COMMITTEE: Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of County of Summit**  
8 **COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant agreements with the Cities of Akron**  
9 **and Barberton to support policing efforts in Summit County, in an amount not to exceed**  
10 **\$3,500,000.00, to cover the payroll expenses of police officers deemed substantially**  
11 **dedicated to COVID-19 response within the political subdivision, and declaring such**  
12 **expenditure necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus**  
13 **Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

14 WHEREAS, the County received \$94.4 million from the Federal Government pursuant to  
15 Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”)  
16 for use in paying expenses of the County’s response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

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18 WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department (“Treasury”) has issued guidance indicating  
19 that, for administrative convenience in utilizing these funds, public safety and public health  
20 employees are deemed to be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-  
21 19 public health emergency; and

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23 WHEREAS, Treasury has further authorized recipients of such funds to share them with  
24 other local political subdivisions within its boundaries for the same purposes for which the  
25 recipient can use the funds; and

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27 WHEREAS, this Council previously approved resolution 2020-180, creating the County  
28 of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant Program and authorizing the  
29 expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.00; and

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31 WHEREAS, the County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant  
32 Program (the “Program”) is intended to provide local political subdivisions with funding to  
33 support COVID-19 response related activities being engaged in by public safety and public  
34 health employees of such political subdivisions; and

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36 WHEREAS, eligible expenses include wage and benefit costs associated with public  
37 health and public safety employees, pursuant to the guidance issued by Treasury pursuant to  
38 Section 5001 of the federal CARES Act for the period 3/1/2020 to 12/30/2020; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Executive previously approved grant agreements with the City of Akron  
41 totaling \$8,012,136.60 and the City of Barberton totaling \$742,378.76 under the Program; and

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43 WHEREAS, the Cities of Akron and Barberton faced economic and budgetary pressures  
44 prior to COVID-19, which have become exacerbated by the pandemic and its anticipated long-  
45 term economic and budgetary impact; and

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47 WHEREAS, these communities have also been impacted by the national phenomenon of  
48 increasing violent crime and increased gun violence and gun related activity; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Executive desires to provide additional support to these communities to  
5 help ensure their ability to maintain policing services throughout the COVID-19 and post  
6 COVID-19 timeframe; and

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8 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
9 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of  
10 County of Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grants with the Cities of  
11 Akron and Barberton to support policing efforts in Summit County and to authorize the  
12 Executive to execute the aforementioned grant agreements with these communities; and

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14 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
15 information, that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 is necessary due to  
16 the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in  
17 compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal CARES Act.

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

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22 SECTION 1

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24 This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of County of  
25 Summit COVID-19 Local Government Payroll Support Grant agreements with the Cities of  
26 Akron, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00, and Barberton in an amount not to exceed  
27 \$500,000.00, to support policing efforts in Summit County, and any other necessary related  
28 documents.

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30 SECTION 2

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32 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of an amount not to exceed  
33 \$3,500,000.00 under the aforementioned program is necessary due to the public health  
34 emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the  
35 provisions of section 5001 of the federal CARES Act.

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37 SECTION 3

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39 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
40 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately  
41 authorize the County's financial assistance to Summit County political subdivisions that have been  
42 adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so that the same can maintain public safety and  
43 public health forces at a level necessary to effectively respond to the pandemic.

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45 SECTION 4

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



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4 SECTION 5

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

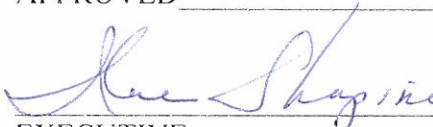
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13 INTRODUCED October 26, 2020

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16 ADOPTED October 26, 2020

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20 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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23 APPROVED October 27, 2020

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26 EXECUTIVE

October 27, 2020  
ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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