

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-205

First Reading Passage Requested
(Executive Shapiro)

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro and Ms. McKenney

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5 DATE June 26, 2023 COMMITTEE: Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an amendment to a grant agreement with**
8 **the Akron Community Foundation to provide additional funds, in an amount not to exceed**
9 **\$500,000.00, to the Opiate Small Grant Program to provide grants in an amount not to**
10 **exceed \$25,000.00 per grantee, to be paid from the Opiate Litigation settlement monies, for**
11 **the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council authorized
14 the Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement agreements,
15 in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before
16 Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the
17 “Lawsuit”), with any manufacturing or distributor Defendant, regardless of market share of the
18 opioid market in Summit County and to additionally authorize settlement with any pharmacy
19 Defendants; and

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21 WHEREAS, the County has received monies as a result of settlement of the Lawsuit; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Executive convened the Key Stakeholders Group and the Opiate
24 Abatement Advisory Council (“OAAC”) to help determine how to spend the opiate money to best
25 serve the residents of the County; and

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27 WHEREAS, the OAAC determined that there are numerous small non-profit agencies in
28 the community that are providing grass-roots assistance to individuals addicted to opiates and their
29 families, and that such organizations, which usually require not more than \$25,000.00 towards
30 their mission, are not typically funded by larger agencies, such as the ADM Board, but which
31 nonetheless help to abate the public health emergency that has come from the proliferation of
32 opiates; and

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34 WHEREAS, in response to the OAAC’s findings, this Council subsequently adopted
35 Resolution No. 2021-200, which authorized the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the
36 Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to be paid from
37 funds received from the Lawsuit to fund the Opiate Small Grant Program pursuant to procedures
38 established in cooperation between ACF, the County, the OAAC and the Key Stakeholders group;
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41 WHEREAS, due to the continued need for assistance and the success of the grant program,
42 this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2022-043, which authorized the Executive to
43 execute an amendment to the grant agreement to provide additional funding not to exceed
44 \$250,000; and

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46 WHEREAS, the Opiate Small Grant Program has been operated by ACF in accordance
47 with policies and procedures adopted in cooperation with the County, the OAAC and the Key
48 Stakeholders and is subject to review by the County’s Department of Internal Auditing; and

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WHEREAS, due to the continued need for assistance from the Opiate Small Grant Program and the quality results from the original and second rounds of funding, the Executive wishes to contribute additional funds to the Program totaling \$500,000.00 to provide programmatic and operational grants not to exceed \$25,000.00 each to small non-profit entities that provide assistance and relief to individuals addicted to opiates and their families, such grants being provided to both new agencies, and agencies who previously received funds and that achieved positive results; and

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WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to execute an amendment to the grant agreement with ACF to provide additional funding to the Opiate Small Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to be paid from settlement dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit and due to the public health emergency with respect to opiate addiction;

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

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SECTION 1

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This Council hereby authorizes the Executive to execute an amendment to a grant agreement with the Akron Community Foundation (“ACF”) to provide additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to the Opiate Small Grant Program which is operated pursuant to procedures established in cooperation between ACF, the County, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council (“OAAC”) and the Key Stakeholders group.

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SECTION 2

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The additional funding to the ACF for the Opiate Small Grant Program shall be paid from funds received litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the “Lawsuit”) and the Program will be operated pursuant to procedures pursuant to the original grant agreement and program guidelines.

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SECTION 3

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This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the County wishes to authorize the Executive to execute an amendment to a grant agreement with ACF to fund the Opiate Small Grant Program to further address the public health emergency with respect to opiate addiction.

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SECTION 4

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Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be 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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14 INTRODUCED June 26, 2023

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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25 APPROVED June 26, 2023

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Gene Shapiro

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EXECUTIVE

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Veronica R Sim

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

June 27, 2023

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