RESOLUTION NO. 2023-279

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Mr. Donofrio, Ms. McKenney, Ms. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Ms.

Darrow, Ms. Wiedie Higham, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Sims

DATE September 11, 2023 COMMITTEE Health & Human Services

A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for State Fiscal Year 2024 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge and State General Revenue Funds, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,335,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services wishes to enter into professional service contracts with seven providers to provide Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF"), Benefit Bridge ("BB") and State General Revenue ("GFR") funded services, a list of which is set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, Benefit Bridge support services assist individuals experiencing rapid reductions in public assistance benefits, caused by increased household earnings as they transition to employment, known as the "benefits cliff". These services are necessary as often increased earnings are not enough to replace lost benefits (such as supplemental nutrition assistance program services (SNAP), cash assistance, Medicaid, housing and childcare subsidies) making it very difficult to maintain employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held September 6, 2023, awarded professional service contracts with various providers, which are exempt from competitive bidding due to the providers' subgrantee status, for State Fiscal Year 2043 TANF, BB and GFR funded services, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,335,000.00, subject to confirmation by this Council; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information that the aforementioned professional service contracts with various providers set forth in Exhibit A are necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

SECTION 1

The award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully restated, for State Fiscal Year 2024 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge and State General Revenue funded services, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,335,000.00, are hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contracts and any other necessary related documents.

SECTION 2

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 to immediately

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-279 2 PAGE TWO 3 4 authorize the Executive to execute the aforementioned professional service contracts in order to 5 enable said providers to provide necessary services as expeditiously as possible. 6 7 **SECTION 3** 8 9 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take 10 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take 11 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law. 12 13 **SECTION 4** 14 15 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all 16 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, 17 18 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 19 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. 20 21 September 11, 2023 22 INTRODUCED 23 September 25, 2023 24 **ADOPTED** 25 DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: 26 hauren march 27 CLERK OF COUNCIL 28 29 September 25, 2023 30 APPROVED 31 DocuSigned by: 32 33 34

Voice Vote – YES: 9–0–1: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt,

September 27, 2023

Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Absent: DeVitis Abstain: Wilhite

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