

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-015

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 8, 2024

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a**
8 **professional service contract with United Labor Agency, to add Benefit Bridge Employer**
9 **Pilot Program Services, in an amount not to exceed \$617,000.00, (for a cumulative increase**
10 **of 101.82%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,223,000.00, for the Executive's**
11 **Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2023-178, which authorized
14 the Executive to execute a contract with United Labor Agency to provide Benefit Bridge services
15 in an amount not to exceed \$606,000.00; and

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17 WHEREAS, the services provided under said contract assist Temporary Assistance to
18 Needy Families (“TANF”) eligible persons in attaining and maintaining employment while
19 assisting them with potential rapid public assistance benefits reductions known as the “benefits
20 cliff”. Recipients increasing income due to obtaining employment often quickly experience a
21 reduction or loss of essential benefits, such as, supplemental nutrition assistance program
22 services (“SNAP”), cash assistance, Medicaid, housing and childcare subsidies. Often benefit
23 losses are not offset by new earnings, making it very difficult to maintain employment; and

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25 WHEREAS, this change order is necessary to add Benefit Bridge Employer Pilot
26 Program Services, which is a two-year pilot program offered by Ohio Department of Job and
27 Family Services that awards grants to Ohio employers to incentivize employees enrolled in
28 public assistance programs; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its January 3, 2024 meeting, awarded the above-
31 referenced change order in an amount not to exceed \$617,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of
32 101.82%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,223,000.00; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
35 that Change Order No. 1 to the aforementioned contract with United Labor Agency is necessary
36 and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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41 SECTION 1

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43 The award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service
44 contract with United Labor Agency to add Benefit Bridge Employer Pilot Program Services in an
45 amount not to exceed \$617,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 101.82%), for a total amount
46 not to exceed \$1,223,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to
47 execute said change order and any other necessary related documents.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare
7 of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately confirm the
8 award of a necessary change order to the contract in order to meet the increasing needs for these
9 services in the community.

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11 SECTION 3

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

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17 SECTION 4

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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating
20 to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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26 INTRODUCED January 8, 2024

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28 ADOPTED January 29, 2024

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Veronica R Sim
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34 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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36 APPROVED January 29, 2024

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Gene Shapiro
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39 EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow,
Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie
Higham, Wilhite
Absent: DeVitis

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ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 30, 2024