

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2
RESOLUTION 2021-24**

A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments to accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statewide Special Projects grant allocation from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) for the purpose of conducting a working-age adult survey across Summit, Medina and Portage Counties and enter into a professional services agreement with consultants, Center for Marketing and Opinion Research, LLC (CMOR).

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2021, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) notified the 20 Ohio Workforce Areas that Program Year 2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds recaptured by the State would be made available in the form of Statewide Special Project grants, and provided parameters for proposals;

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021 the Summit and Medina Workforce Area (“Area 2”) submitted a proposal to ODJFS for the use of WIOA Statewide Special Projects grant funds for the purpose of engaging Consultants, “Center for Marketing and Opinion Research (CMOR), LLC” to conduct a survey and focus groups of working-age adults across Summit, Medina and Portage Counties to support the work of the Area 2 partnership with the Greater Akron Chamber and ConxusNEO who wished to assess job seekers’ experiences to finding employment since COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021 Area 2 received confirmation that its proposed program plan and budget for the use of WIOA Statewide Special Projects grant funds were approved by ODJFS in a total amount of \$97,200.00 to support research on working age adults within the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) to understand what prevents many from reentering the workforce, determine trends for those not participating in the labor force and to offer resources to resolve identified barriers which prevents participation; and

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interests of Area 2 to authorize the acceptance of ODJFS’ WIOA Statewide Special Projects grant and to enter into a professional services agreement with CMOR with said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the SAMWA COG that:

SECTION 1

The SAMWA COG hereby authorizes the acceptance of this WIOA Statewide Special Projects grant award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, allocated to the SAMWA COG on behalf of Area 2 for the purpose of engaging the Center for Marketing and Opinion Research (CMOR) to conduct a survey of working-age adults in Summit, Medina and Portage Counties to assess their needs, identify barriers to employment and offer resources to resolve.

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SECTION 2

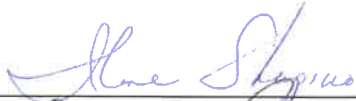
The SAMWA COG Board hereby accepts the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services WIOA Statewide Special Projects grant award for Area 2 in the amount of \$97,200.00 and authorizes the use of funds to enter into a professional services agreement with CMOR.

SECTION 3

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: 2
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 9th day of December, 2021.



Summit County Executive



Medina County Commissioner