

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2
RESOLUTION 2022-02**

A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments to accept a Business Resources Network grant from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$419,158.50, and ratifying agreements with Medina County Economic Development Corporation (“MCEDC”) and the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development (“SCDCED”) to perform services under the grant during the period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2021, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (“ODJFS”) announced to its 20 local workforce areas that \$6,000,000.00 was available for 18 months from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, for Business Resource Network (“BRN”) proposals with the purpose to increase employer and business engagement, build business resource teams and increase outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, ODJFS provided further guidance that the intent of the funds is to spur creative ways to expand business service teams and business outreach through examples of strategies including obtaining business intelligence to identify employer needs, partnering with economic development stakeholders, and coordinating resources across programs and funding streams to provide solutions to employers; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 15, 2022, the SAMWA COG staff engaged with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation (“MCEDC”) and the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development (“SCDCED”) to determine how BRN funds could enhance their efforts through any of the strategies listed above; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2022, local workforce Area 2 submitted a BRN proposal to ODJFS to fund three projects: 1) business intelligence gathering in Summit with a focus on scale-up companies for \$147,408.50 in conjunction with SCDCED; 2) business intelligence gathering in Medina with a focus on determining businesses willing to provide pre-apprenticeships to youth for \$153,535.00 with MCEDC; and 3) a van ride program to provide transportation solutions to employers and job seekers of Medina County for \$118,215.00 with MCEDC for a total request for \$419,158.50;

WHEREAS, on or about January 18, 2022, the SAMWA COG received notice from the ODJFS that the BRN proposal was funded for the full request of \$419,158.50;

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the State’s 18-month timeline and expected expenditure points, the Executive Committee of Area 2’s Workforce Development Board met on January 26, 2022 and, subject to ratification by the SAMWA COG Board, authorized the agreements with SCDCED and MCEDC as well as the use of \$150,000.00 of the newly received funds to provide \$50,000 to each of the three projects for the first quarter of the 18-month term; and

WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG recognizes that the County of Summit Department of Finance and Budget will serve as Area 2’s Fiscal Agent for the reception of the BRN award; and

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WHEREAS, the SAMWA COG finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of Area 2 to authorize the acceptance of Area 2's 2022 BRN award to the Area 2 Special Grants Section of the budget, to ratify the agreements with SCDCED and MCEDC for the grant period of 1/1/2022 to 6/30/23 and to ratify the initial expenditure of \$150,000.00.

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

SECTION 1

The SAMWA COG hereby authorizes the acceptance of Area 2's BRN grant award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, for the period commencing 1/1/2022 and ending 6/30/2023 in the amount of \$419,158.50.

SECTION 2

The SAMWA COG Board hereby ratifies the intergovernmental agreements with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation ("MCEDC") and the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development ("SCDCED"), and further ratifies the initial expenditure of \$150,000.00 in each of the project areas, and further authorizes the expenditure of the remaining budget allocated to each BRN project as set forth below:

- a) \$97,408.50 to SCDEC for gathering business intelligence for scale-up businesses;
- b) \$103, 535.00 to MCEDC for gathering business intelligence for interest in pre-apprenticeships; and
- c) \$68,215.00 to MCEDC to provide transportation solution.

SECTION 3

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 31st day of March, 2022.

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Medina County Commissioner