

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2  
RESOLUTION 2023-02**

**A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments to accept and appropriate a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statewide Special Project grant allocation in the amount of \$95,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to focus on recruitment and job placement with a segment of the non-participating eligible workforce across Summit County for the period of February 6, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

**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**, prior to the commencement of Program Year 2022, (ODJFS) made it known to its 20 Workforce Areas, the statewide special project grants were still available to fund innovative workforce initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 2023, the Summit and Medina Workforce Area (“Area 2”) submitted a proposal to ODJFS for the use of WIOA Statewide Special Project grants funds for the purpose of using one of the data points from the PY ‘21 ODJFS sponsored “working age adults survey”, which identified there are several non-participating eligible workforce cohorts available for open positions in Summit County;

**WHEREAS**, Area 2 intends to start its engagement of one of the non-participating eligible workforce cohorts: international newcomers;

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2023, Area 2 received confirmation that its proposed program plan and budget for the use of WIOA Statewide Special Project grants funds were approved by ODJFS in a total of \$95,000.00 to support a targeted engagement of international newcomers; 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 and appropriation of ODJFS’ WIOA Statewide Special Project grant to engage international newcomers for open positions in Summit County.

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

**SECTION 1**

The SAMWA COG hereby authorizes the acceptance of this WIOA Statewide Special Project 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 a targeted engagement of international newcomers.

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**SECTION 2**

The SAMWA COG Board hereby accepts Ohio's WIOA Statewide Special Project grant award for Area 2 in the amount of \$95,000.00 and authorizes the appropriation of funds as defined by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services during the period of February 6, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

**SECTION 3**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: 11  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2023.

  
Summit County Executive  
  
Medina County Commissioner