

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2**

RESOLUTION 2023-13

A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments to accept and appropriate a Business Resources Network grant allocation from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$356,920.50, for the purpose of increasing employer and business engagement, building business resource teams and increasing outreach efforts for the period commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2023, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (“ODJFS”) announced to its 20 local workforce areas that \$4,000,000.00 was available for 12 months from July 1, 2023, 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, upon notice of the availability of funds, the SAMWA COG staff engaged with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation (“MCEDC”) and the Community Action of Wayne and Medina (“CAWM”) and ConxusNEO to determine how BRN funds could enhance their efforts through any of the strategies listed above; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 2, 2023, the SAMWA COG received notice from the ODJFS that the BRN proposal was funded for the full request of \$356,920.50; 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

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 and allocation of Area 2’s 2023 BRN award to the Area 2 Special Grants.

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

SECTION 1

The SAMWA COG hereby authorizes the acceptance and allocation of Area 2’s BRN grant award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, for the period commencing 7/1/2023 and ending 6/30/2024 in the amount of \$356,920.50.

SECTION 2

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0

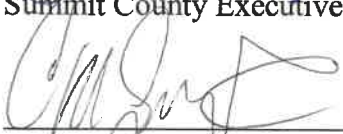
Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

ADOPTED, this 29th day of June, 2023.



Summit County Executive



Medina County Commissioner