

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2
RESOLUTION 2026-15**

A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area of Council of Governments to accept and appropriate an award of \$500,000.00 in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for participation in a Brownfields Job Training grant to recruit, train and place unemployed and underemployed residents of Summit County in environmental careers with skills needed to safely conduct remediation work and appropriate training in green remediation technologies and emergency planning for the period of October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2031.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (“WIOA”), the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments (the “SAMWA COG”) was established to provide the governance structure through which the public workforce system in Ohio Local Workforce Area 2 (“Area 2”), comprised of Summit and Medina Counties and represented by the Summit Medina Workforce Development Board (the “WDB”);

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) announced \$10,000,000.00 to \$14,000,000.00 was available for up to 20 awards for Fiscal Year 2026 Brownfields Job Training Grants Program with an expected five-year project period;

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2025, Area 2 submitted a Brownfields Job Training proposal to the EPA for the maximum funding request permitted at \$500,000.00 and on February 6, 2026, received notice the SAMWA COG was selected as one of the entities to begin negotiations for a full request award to enter into a cooperative agreement;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2026, the EPA informed SAMWA COG of the need to complete several forms and develop a Work Plan for the project due by March 13, 2026, with the requirement of identifying a Project Manager and;

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2026, the EPA emailed its Notice of Award Cooperative Agreement document to the SAMWA COG with a budget and project period of October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2031, 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 to appropriate \$500,000.00 in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”) funds from the EPA for Area 2’s participation in the five-year Brownfields Job Training Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1

The SAMWA COG Board hereby authorizes the acceptance of this IIJA grant award from the U.S. EPA, allocated to the SAMWA COG on behalf of the Summit County portion of Area 2 for the purpose of participating in the Brownfields Jobs Training Program.

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SECTION 2

The SAMWA COG Board hereby accepts the U.S. EPA's Brownfields Jobs Training Program grant award for Area 2 in the amount \$500,000.00 and authorizes the appropriation of funds as defined by the IJJA for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031.

SECTION 3

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes: **11**

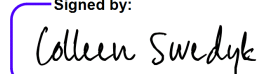
Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

ADOPTED, this 24th day of September, 2026.


Summit County Executive

Signed by:

Medina County Commissioner