

**THE SUMMIT AND MEDINA WORKFORCE AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR OHIO LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA 2
RESOLUTION 2020-20**

A Resolution authorizing the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments to accept an allocation from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the purpose of receiving United States Department of Labor Reemployment Service and Eligibility Assessment funds and to make the allocation a permanent part of the Area 2 budget.

WHEREAS, annually the United States Department of Labor (the “DOL”) awards Reemployment Service and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) funds to the State of Ohio’s Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (the “ODJFS”);

WHEREAS, the provision of RESEA services which provide intensive reemployment assistance to individuals who are receiving unemployment insurance benefits and are determined likely to exhaust their benefits before becoming reemployed has traditionally been provided by employees of ODJFS located in various OhioMeansJobs centers throughout the State;

WHEREAS, on or about October 1, 2020, ODJFS held a meeting to present to all 20 Local Workforce Areas the idea of RESEA services being delivered at the local level and clarified that RESEA is not under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (“WIOA”) and therefore can be delivered by a local Area and not just provide oversight of programs as is true with WIOA;

WHEREAS, after several additional meetings on or about November 6, 2020, the Summit and Medina Workforce Area (“Area 2”) informed ODJFS of its willingness to deliver RESEA through the local Board office and was acknowledged by ODJFS on or about November 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, on or about December 4, 2020, Area 2 received notice that ODJFS will allocate RESEA funds to participating Local Workforce Areas in Ohio beginning on January 1, 2021 and in prior communications intends to allocate to Area 2 during Calendar Year (“CY”) 2021 and the first half of CY 2022 an amount of \$833,114.64;

WHEREAS, on or about December 11, 2020 Area 2 received notice that ODJFS is delegating the provision of RESEA services to all 20 Local Workforce Areas in Ohio and will begin training local Area staff to deliver such services mid to late January 2021;

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 RESEA allocation and in that capacity will adjust the Area’s budget and all other necessary items to incorporate the funds; 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 of an ODJFS RESEA allocation and to incorporate it as part of the permanent budget for Area 2 to hire local staff to administer and deliver RESEA services.

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

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SECTION 1

The SAMWA COG hereby authorizes the acceptance of Area 2's Reemployment Service and Eligibility Assessment allocation from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, to provide intensive reemployment assistance to individuals, in Summit and Medina Counties, who are receiving unemployment insurance benefits and are determined likely to exhaust their benefits before becoming reemployed.

SECTION 2

The SAMWA COG Board hereby accepts the United States Department of Labor Reemployment Service and Eligibility Assessment allocation from ODJFS for Area 2 in the expected amounts of:

1. \$308,609.64 for the period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021
2. \$524,505.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Total: \$833,114.64.

SECTION 3

The SAMWA COG Board agrees the RESEA allocation will provide Area 2 with additional administrative and program service delivery funds including, but not limited to, the costs associated with hiring staff.

SECTION 4


This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

ADOPTED, this 16th day of December, 2020.

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 Summit County Executive

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 Medina County Commissioner