

**Resolution authorizing a Workforce Innovation Training Grant agreement with Columbus Castings to provide employee training as part of the company's commitment to expand its operations in Franklin County.
(Economic Development & Planning) (\$150,000)**

WHEREAS, the County desires to develop and promote plans, programs, and financing strategies to assure that economic growth is properly balanced and coordinated with that of the State of Ohio, the federal government and other local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Castings will expand operations at 2211 Parsons Ave, Columbus, OH 43207 leading to the hiring of 550 new employees; and a capital investment of approximately \$15,000,000 in real property; and

WHEREAS, due to Columbus Castings' commitment to expand its operations in Franklin County, pursue new and innovative training, research and products within their industry, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 307.07 B (5) of the Ohio Revised Code, the County desires to provide employment and training opportunities benefitting the citizens of Franklin County and to support Columbus Castings by offering a Workforce Innovation Training Grant (WITG) pursuant to the terms outlined in the attached Grant Agreement;

WHEREAS, the WITG is a reimbursable grant for training provided by Columbus Castings to its employees over a (3) three year period beginning January 1st, 2015 through December 31st, 2017; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That a WITG Agreement between Columbus Castings and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of January 1st, 2015 through December 31st, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 is hereby approved.

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