

Resolution authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Saunders Public Relations Group to support the Stable Housing Initiative. (Economic Development & Planning) (\$60,700)

WHEREAS, the President of the United States issued a Nationwide Emergency Declaration for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020 pursuant to sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution no. 0181-20 on March 12, 2020 authorizing the actions to be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Franklin County from the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage in actions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents of Franklin County from the effects of Coronavirus Disease and such actions are targeted to reduce the number of Franklin County residents at risk of homelessness due to the adverse financial consequences caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Saunders Public Relations Group desires to support the County's goals by bringing awareness to the Stable Housing Initiative to aid various community partners such as the County, in meeting the housing needs of Franklin County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Saunders Public Relations Group will create a comprehensive marketing strategy that reaches an audience of at least 50,000 Franklin County residents to eviction protection and rental assistance resources by using social media, media relations, digital communications, billboards, and developing comprehensive marketing materials; and

WHEREAS, Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) authorized the creation of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to make payments to units of local government that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the local public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, services to address housing insecurity and homelessness are an eligible use of funds pursuant to §35.6(b)(12)(ii) of the Interim Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury now, therefore,

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

1. That the attached Funding Agreement and purchase order in the amount of \$60,700 between the Saunders Public Relations Group and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to provide rental and utility assistance services is hereby approved.
2. That a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$60,700 is hereby authorized from the unappropriated cash balance as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #45):

	AMOUNT
EDP/Affordable & Emergency Housing Fund/Grants Fund 1012	\$60,700

3. That estimated revenues are hereby revised per the attached document (Journal #46).

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