

**Resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to provide support for a pandemic floor.
(Community Partnerships) (\$3,200,000)**

WHEREAS, part of one of the most comprehensive health sciences campuses in North America, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center includes the College of Medicine and its School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences; the Office of Health Sciences, including the Ohio State Faculty Group Practice; various research centers, programs and institutes; The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio State Health System includes University Hospital, East Hospital, Ohio State Harding Hospital, the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital, the Ohio State Brain and Spine Hospital, the Ohio State Primary Care Network, Outpatient Care multispecialty facilities and Ohio State Same-Day Care locations; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, U.S. News & World Report recognized nine Ohio State Wexner Medical Center specialties in its “Best Hospitals” rankings, based on outcomes, structure, patient experience and expert opinion, for the 30th consecutive year. In addition, the College of Medicine ranked 30th among medical schools in the 2023 edition of “Best Graduate Schools,” according to U.S. News; and

WHEREAS, as part of the new Wexner Center Medical Center Inpatient Hospital Tower, a pandemic floor will be included with a dedicated exhaust system that will enable an increase in the number of beds operating as full airborne infection isolation rooms; preparing the community for the next public health emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, programs that address or mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on education are an eligible use of funds pursuant to §35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A)(4) of the Final Rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury; and

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WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wishes to support COSI in providing expanded educational opportunities for Franklin County children who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to sections 307.85 of the Revised Code; now, therefore,

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

1. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized pursuant to section 305.30 of the Revised Code to approve and execute the agreement upon approval to form by the Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.
2. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$1,600,000 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List to meet the obligations in the current fiscal year is hereby approved.
3. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to take all actions, including the execution of all documents or amendments upon approval to form by the Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office, necessary to enter into, implement, and administer the agreement and that are not substantially inconsistent with this Resolution.
4. That a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,600,000 is hereby authorized from the unappropriated cash balance as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #4549):

	AMOUNT
Community Partnerships/General Fund/Grants	\$1,600,000
Fund 1000	

5. That estimated revenues are hereby revised per the attached document (Journal #4550).

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