

RESOLUTION NO. 22-03-232

AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
UNITED WAY OF MIAMI COUNTY FOR OPERATION OF THE MIAMI COUNTY 2-1-1
PHONE LINE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS WITHIN MIAMI COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS/GENERAL COUNTY

Mr. Simmons introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the “**Fund**”) payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, non-entitlement units of local government, and counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ARPA’s Fund methodology, Miami County was allocated approximately \$20,800,000 (the “**Fund Payment**”) to “mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)”; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA and its supporting U.S. Treasury guidance provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, the “**Criteria**”); and

WHEREAS, the on July 30, 2021, the US Treasury issued to the Board \$10,390,485.50 of its total ARPA funding allocation \$20,800,000.00, said Fund Payment is to cover only those expenditures consistent with ARPA, including the Criteria, and applicable regulations, and such Fund Payment has been or will be deposited into an appropriate special revenue fund created and maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019, by Resolution No. 19-02-199, the Miami County Commissioners approved a one-time fund contribution for the establishment and operation of a 2-1-1 phone line for social services needs within Miami County, Ohio through the United Way of Miami County, and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Miami County, Chief Executive Officer has requested the use of ARPA funds to provide resources to meet and address emergent public health needs through programs or services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic, specifically United Way’s 2-1-1 phone line used by County residents who live in Qualified Census Tracts or who are otherwise in populations, households, or geographic areas of the County disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the 2-1-1 phone line connects people to the services they need such as Food and Shelter, Veterans Assistance, Healthcare, Senior Services, Infant Mortality Prevention and Domestic Violence, assisting local and state government and nonprofit human service providers to work more cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of Miami County, Ohio shall make an audited account at least once every year of any funds received from the County and provide this information to the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Miami, State of Ohio:

SECTION 5. As time is of the essence, the duly authorized representatives of the County are directed to take action under this resolution as soon as possible.

SECTION 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the public peace, safety, health, and welfare of the County and to provide immediate assistance needed by County residents in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

NOW THEREFORE be it FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Miami County Commissioners do hereby authorize the one-time contribution in the amount of \$48,000.00 to the United Way of Miami County 2-1-1 Phone Line, to be paid from ARPA Fund 198.

Mr. Westfall seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

DATED: March 1, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Janelle S. Barga, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the Board under the date of March 1, 2022.

Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

cc: Journal
 Files
 Auditor
 MCC – Carrie Vaughan
 United Way of Miami County