

**RESOLUTION 24 - 65, 2024**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE HAMILTON COUNTY  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT, AND  
TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL/NORTH  
MADISON PLACE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, KNOWN AS MADISON PLACE  
OVERLAND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT, DISPENSING WITH  
THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia Township Board of Trustees desires to seek grant funds from the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act Stormwater Infrastructure Grant toward a proposed public-private partnership with Good Shepherd School to construct stormwater infrastructure improvements to lessen overland flooding during severe storm events which impacts certain public and private properties in the North Madison Place neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners ("Commissioners"), pursuant to an adopted Resolution July 1, 2021, created the Hamilton County American Rescue Act ("ARPA") Plan that includes, among other priorities, funding for stormwater infrastructure projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners issued a "Stormwater Infrastructure Grant" seeking applications from eligible public entities for stormwater projects that will help mitigate overland flooding and help strengthen stormwater collection systems against increasingly intense rain events ("Grant"); and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia Township submitted a technically detailed, all-encompassing Grant application, working with Strand Associates, to seek funding for a proposed Madison Place Overland Flood Mitigation project ("Project") and also noted that Madison Place qualifies for certain federal programs to benefit residents and businesses as a low-to-moderate income census tract area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners have notified Columbia Township that it has been awarded a \$293,000 ARPA Grant (the largest award of the final ARPA stormwater funds) to be used toward construction costs to lessen overland flooding at Good Shepherd School and North Madison Place, named as the Madison Place Overland Flood Mitigation Project for the purposes of the Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners require Columbia Township, as Grantee, to receive the Grant as a pass-through entity, to be designated as a Grant Sub-Recipient, and to enter into the attached Agreement to transfer a portion of the County's ARPA Funds solely to fund the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

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**Be it further resolved** that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to enter into the Grant agreement with the Board of County Commissioners to develop and advance the proposed project before the end of 2025 as required by the Grant agreement, which will protect the public welfare and the Township's existing investment in infrastructure and other public improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens:

**Section 1:** The Administrator is hereby authorized retroactively to apply to the Hamilton County Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program as described above.

**Section 2:** The Administrator is authorized to enter into any agreements and perform other actions as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance and for required reporting and compliance.


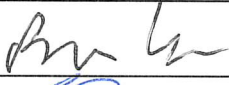
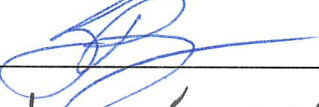

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mr. Kubicki

Seconded by: Mr. Lamar

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**VOTE:**

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki	yes		12/10/2024
Brian Lamar	yes		12/10/2024
Steve Brokamp	yes		12/10/2024
ATTEST:	 Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer		12/10/2024

**APPROVED** as to form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Township Legal Counsel

**Refer to attached Grant Agreement**