

RESOLUTION 25 - 37, 2025
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

**AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE HAMILTON COUNTY
ECONOMIC IMPACT GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT IN
MADISON PLACE NORTH / PLAINVILLE BUSINESS DISTRICT AT 6805 CAMBRIDGE AVE,
AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, DISPENSING WITH
THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Columbia Township Board of Trustees desires to seek grant funds from Hamilton County toward redeveloping the Plainville Business District in the historic Madison Place Neighborhood; the Township is actively investing in place-based redevelopment in Madison Place which qualifies for certain federal, state, and county grant programs to benefit residents and businesses as a 42% Low-Moderate Income Census Tract; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township's redevelopment initiatives, which include to help reduce blighted buildings in order to attract new local-serving small businesses, fulfill goals identified in both the County's Comprehensive Development Strategy and Columbia Township Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Administration in 2024 applied for a Hamilton County Economic Impact Program grant ("Grant") for construction of a township parking lot at 6805 Cambridge Ave. ("Project"); the Project goal is to help mitigate lack of parking to attract new, and support existing, small businesses in this highly congested "Main Street" neighborhood platted in the 1920s (refer to attached grant application for details); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, on May 20, 2025, notified Columbia Township that it was awarded a \$226,950 Economic Impact Grant to be used toward reimbursement of eligible Project construction costs, and the County, on July 31, sent Columbia Township the attached Grant Agreement to enter into; 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.

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 because the Project must be constructed at the same time as the current Cambridge Avenue Improvement Project to achieve cost efficiencies that make the Project feasible which protect the public welfare and the Township's existing investment in the Project site's acquisition, demolition, and readiness.

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:

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Section 1: The Administrator is hereby authorized retroactively to apply to the Hamilton County Economic Impact 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. BROKAMP

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	08-12-2025
Brian Lamar	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	08-12-2025
Steve Brokamp	<u>Yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	08-12-2025
ATTEST:		<u>[Signature]</u>	08-12-2025
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer			

APPROVED as to form: _____
Township Legal Counsel

Refer to attached Grant Agreement