



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2022-2308

Substitute

10/25/2022

Public Hearing: YES ☐ NO ☒

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 3

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 3

Senator Emmanuel Jones to Request the Senate Appropriations Committee for Inclusion in the Bonding Projects for the State of Georgia in the Amount of \$2 Million for Improvements and Pathway forward to Restore the South DeKalb Y to Vibrancy for the Community.

Information Contact: Larry Johnson, Commissioner District 3

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PURPOSE:

The \$2 million will be used to invest in the facilities and programs to transform the South DeKalb Family YMCA and empower thousands of residents to build healthy mind, body, and spirit. The South DeKalb Y has been an essential part of the community, offering programs that impact children, teens, adults, and seniors. In ordinary times and during times of crisis, the Y aims to reflect the needs of the community to ensure all people can thrive. Embedded in communities, working together with partners, the Y seeks to deliver programs that meet community needs to ensure a deep, sustainable impact without duplication of services.

NEED/IMPACT:

The South DeKalb Y needs capital renovation and programmatic investment, the South DeKalb Family YMCA aims to narrow disparities across health, community, and economic prosperity and build a more equitable community in which every person has the opportunity to realize their full potential.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
THE SOUTH DEKALB YMCA**

WHEREAS, the State, DeKalb County, and citizens of the State of Georgia have been served by the South DeKalb YMCA since 1971; and

WHEREAS, the South DeKalb YMCA serves as a community hub and provides services in the area of public health and education, including afterschool care, youth sports, water safety training, fitness coaching and nutritional assistance, as well as the provision of facilities such as a pool, locker rooms, fitness equipment and gym benefiting children, teens, adults, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the community of DeKalb County, Georgia residents served by the South DeKalb YMCA faces persistent health and educational challenges; and

WHEREAS, the South DeKalb YMCA has been operating at a financial deficit to provide the services and facilities described above; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia believes the continued provision of these services and facilities is in the best interests of the citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia understands that requests are being made for funding of the South DeKalb YMCA directly from the State or through the use of Federal American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$2 Million for capital renovation and programmatic investment; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia requests that the DeKalb County Delegation and the Senate Appropriations Committee support funding requests related to the South DeKalb YMCA for capital renovation and programmatic investment to narrow disparities across health, community, and economic prosperity and build a more equitable community in which every person has the opportunity to realize their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the General Assembly request and support:

1. Additional funding for the South DeKalb YMCA from State or Federal funding sources; and
2. The Executive Assistant or his designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ROBERT J. PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney