



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item

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Walk-On Item

3/9/2021

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): 3, 6

To Appropriate \$45,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation for the MicroLife Institute Design Studio Project

Information Contact: Commissioner Ted Terry

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PURPOSE:

To appropriate reserve for appropriation funds from Commission Districts 3 and 6 for the MicroLife Institute Design Studio Project

NEED/IMPACT:

This Design Studio project will focus on creating urban design proposals and modeling their performance with the considerations of the "Green New Deal". Georgia Tech School of Architecture students will reimagine the North DeKalb Mall and the Gallery at South DeKalb Mall through sustainable and resilient redevelopment incorporating new urbanist principals. Four student teams from the Georgia Tech School of Architecture, led by Ellen Dunham-Jones, will produce proposals to connect redevelopment of the North Dekalb Mall and the Gallery At South Dekalb to proposed MARTA Bus Rapid Transit lines and to-be-cleaned up creeks behind the malls. MicroLife Institute will support this Design Studio by aiding in logistics and connect with the community while supporting the initiatives of both GA Tech and DeKalb County. After the Design Studio, MicroLife will work on educating and informing the results with the community and local leaders.

Funding for this project includes \$30,000 from the District 6 reserve for appropriation and \$15,000 from the District 3 reserve for appropriation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental – Unincorporated Fund – Transfer to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) - \$45,000

Decrease appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund - Reserve for Appropriation (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) - \$45,000

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.