



# DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030

## Agenda Item

Substitute

**File #:** 2024-1305  
**File Status:** Consent

11/12/2024

**Public Hearing:** YES  NO

**Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

### **SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To Appropriate an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Apparitions to Support the Efforts to Identify and Implement Collaborative Programs That Coincide With Cultural Programs To Enhance Local and Global Engagement

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### **PURPOSE:**

The Georgia Council for International Visitors (GCIV) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1962. GCIV works with the U.S. Department of State to develop a broad spectrum of professional and cultural exchange programs for emerging global leaders. Their non-partisan citizen diplomacy programs provide Georgians with unique opportunities to share best practices, insights, and friendship with distinguished visitors to the United States. This District 6 appropriation will support the Welcoming DeKalb initiative and efforts to identify and implement collaborative programs that coincide with cultural programs to enhance local and global engagement.

### **NEED/IMPACT:**

In October 2023, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to pass the mid-year budget, which included \$150,000 to Decide DeKalb to seed and incubate a Welcoming DeKalb Office to support immigrants and refugees in DeKalb. This collaboration with GCIV further enhances our investment in the Welcoming DeKalb initiative and our vision to continuing to embrace the notion that our diversity in DeKalb County is a spectrum and every citizen should have the opportunity to be more globally engaged through people-to-people connections.

This District 6 allocation will be used to support staffing to identify and structure opportunities to implement in 2025 (40 hours a week x 13 weeks in the last quarter x \$19/hour = \$10,000. Last year, GCIV hosted 311 visitors from 97 different countries.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below: Board of Commissioners - Distict 6 - General Fund - Other Miscellaneous Payments (00206.573099.100.0000.0000) - \$10,000.00

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

Board of Commissioners - Distict 6 - General Fund - Reserve for Appropriation (00206.579002.100.0000.0000) - \$10,000.00

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the appropriation of \$10,000 from the 2024 District 6 Reserve for Appropriations and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute all necessary documents.