



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item SUBSTITUTE

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File Status:

Public Hearing: YES ☐ NO ☒ **Department:** Chief Executive Office

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Allocate funding for Rapid Response for Food Emergencies and a Food Resilience Hub Initiative (Purchasing Policy Exemption). Consists of the implementation of a two-phase initiative to address both immediate hunger relief and long-term community resilience until March 31, 2026. In an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

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PURPOSE:

To support residents who may be experiencing food insecurity, DeKalb County is reaffirming its commitment to stability and the well-being of residents by expanding access to essential services and launching new initiatives to support families in need. To meet the urgent and ongoing food access needs of its residents the County is launching a comprehensive, two-phase initiative to address both immediate hunger relief and long-term community resilience. Phase 1: 90-Day Emergency Food Distributions and Phase 2: DeKalb Count Food Resilience Hub.

NEED/IMPACT:

The County is taking measures to support families and expand initiatives to strengthen food access and community resources. The intended impact of implementing the Rapid Response for Food Emergencies and Food Resilience Hub Initiative is to ensure that the County assists in addressing food insecurity, while simultaneously laying the groundwork for a more resilient and equitable local food system.

Through this initiative, DeKalb County seeks to achieve measurable, community-level outcomes, including:

- Distribution of nutritious, culturally relevant food to thousands of residents experiencing food insecurity.



- Improved coordination and data-sharing among local food access partners, enabling more equitable and efficient resource allocation.
- Strengthened partnerships between county agencies, local farmers, nonprofit organizations, and community-based groups.
- Development of a logistics framework and operational playbook to inform the design of the forthcoming Food Resilience Hub.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Allocate \$1,200,000 to the Human Services Department to support residents who may be experiencing food security until March 31, 2026; authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.

