



DeKalb County Government

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

Agenda Item

File ID: FileID

Walk-On Item

3/9/2021

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 6

To Appropriate \$100,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation for the Roots Down Fruitful Communities Initiative

Information Contact: Commissioner Ted Terry

Phone Number: (404) 371-4909

PURPOSE:

To appropriate District 6 reserve for appropriation funds for the Roots Down Fruitful Communities Initiative

NEED/IMPACT:

The Fruitful Communities Initiative is a landscaping plan that helps state, county, and local governments, and mid-sized developers establish regenerative food systems through planning and design consulting, training, Productive Urban Landscape (PUL) education, and ongoing community outreach.

Roots Down will host two community forums, accessible to all DeKalb County residents, and two work-sessions focused on work in District 6. Roots Down will analyze DeKalb County code sections that pertain to Roots Down policy work, draft and create educational tools for community involvement with policy through micro-workshops in District 6 communities, propose new policy after collecting community input, and onboard DeKalb County residents to proposed policy.

Roots Down has outlined three spaces for PUL development this Spring. Each space will have its own design, lookbook, and community activation plan. Roots Down will incorporate our already-existing training and education programs into the activation of these spaces. These spaces will create green job opportunities and engage youth with food, ecology, and community.

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) - \$100,000

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

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund - Reserve for Appropriation (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) - \$100,000



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RECOMMENDATION:

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