

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE CEO OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NEHEMIAH PROJECT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD FOR THE DEKALB CARES PLUMBING REPAIR AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM (DCPRCP) TO PROVIDE PLUMBING REPAIRS TO DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT LOW INCOME WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Government (“County”) DeKalb Cares Fund was established to assist low-income families and individuals who are experiencing hardships and having difficulty paying their water and sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Cares Plumbing Repair and Water Conservation Program (DCPRCP) provides assistance to residents living in the Department of Watershed Management DeKalb County service area for plumbing and sewer repairs and also provides assistance to customers with plumbing problems and with the installation of water conservation devices; and The Septic to Sewer and Sewer Lateral Rehab Programs are intended to encourage homeowners (single family residences, duplexes, “multifamily properties with two units” & townhomes) to voluntarily connect to the public sewer main or repair/replace existing lateral connection to the sewer main.

WHEREAS, water and sewer rates throughout the country are rising due to the costs of meeting increasingly stringent state and federal environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County has a separate funding sourced for the DeKalb Cares Plumbing Repair and Water Conservation Program is maintained from American Rescue Plan Care & Conserve Assistance. Grant Funds and is funded through Department of Watershed Management (“Department”); and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Cares Fund benefits all customers of the County’s Department of Watershed Management by helping reduce the burden of outstanding debt on the system and by promoting the most efficient use of our water resources and projects that assist systems most in need on a per household basis and benefit the most vulnerable populations with safe drinking water that is critical to their health and, thus, their ability to work and learn in accordance with state affordability criteria and prioritization developed under the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance identified Nehemiah Project Community Development Corporation through the Department of Finance grant application process to become the “DeKalb Cares” Plumbing Repair and Conservation Program grant recipient and desires to enter into a grant agreement for the purposes of providing plumbing repairs to DWM low-income water and wastewater customers; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of the Department of Watershed Management, recommend the execution of a Grant Agreement with Nehemiah Project Community Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000,000.00) for a term of two (2) years. DeKalb Cares shall allow for a reasonable application period. Grants under the Program shall be made until such time that the budget allocated for the Program is exhausted, but no later than ~~ninety~~ sixty (60) days after DCPRCP closes the application period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEKALB COUNTY GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with Nehemiah Project Community Development Corporation on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management for the purposes of administering the “DeKalb Cares” Plumbing Repair and Conservation Program (DCPRCP) grant in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000,000.00) for a period of two years (2) or until such time allocated funds have been exhausted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreement is for a period of two (2) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expenses are to be charged to and paid from POETA 105883. 63258.541401.01.602479 (Grant Fund) 258 (DWM MISC. WATER & SEWER PROJECTS).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Procurement Officer is directed to assist the County Attorney in the preparation of the appropriate Grant Agreement for execution by the Chief Executive Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Attorney or her designee is hereby authorized to prepare the Grant Agreement for execution by the Chief Executive Officer.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Agreement will not become binding upon the County, and the County shall incur no liability upon same until it has been approved by the County Attorney as to form, executed by the Chief Executive Officer, attested to by the County Clerk, and delivered to Nehemiah Project Community Development Corporation.

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

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney