

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PROCEEDS ASSIGNED TO GRANT FUND #258, TO A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING SUPPORT AND RELIEF TO CURRENT LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THE COUNTY AND CITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, MAINTAINING FOOD SECURITY, AVOIDING RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT, AND MAINTAINING UTILITY SERVICE TO HOUSEHOLDS OF DEKALB RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020 the US Government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) for the purpose of providing fast and direct economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses, and preserve jobs for American industries, and

WHEREAS, Under the CARES Act DeKalb County was awarded a federal grant of \$125,341,475.20 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), and

WHEREAS, the county received \$125,341,475.20 on April 24, 2020 and,

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020 the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia accepted \$125,341,475.20 in Federal COVID-19 CRF funds, assigned for accounting purposes to COVID-19 Grant Fund #258, reserved for appropriation; and

WHEREAS, eligible expenditures are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID19 public health emergency and includes the provision of economic support as more fully described in Treasury Department Guidance dated April 22, 2020 and subsequently updated, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County desires to make CRF funding available for the purpose of assisting small business, maintaining food security, avoiding residential displacement, and maintaining utility service to households of DeKalb residents affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is served by community based organizations (CBOs) with a mission and experience in accomplishing the above referenced objectives using private and public funds, and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County’s Community Development and Human Services operations have successful experience in contracting with CBOs through grant making and administration to insure the effective and lawful utilization of public resources to such ends, and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County’s Development Authority, Decide DeKalb, is the primary economic development driving force to attract, expand, and retain businesses in DeKalb County, Georgia and works collaboratively with other Development Authorities within DeKalb County.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the 2020 DeKalb County Budget is amended to appropriate \$10 million from Grant Fund # 285 to a grant fund administered by the Community Development Department and Decide DeKalb to provide direct grants to businesses within DeKalb County for purpose of providing economic relief from the affects of the Covid-19 crisis, consistent with Federal regulation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County directs the Executive Assistant to create a grant application and administration framework, issue a notice of funding availability, and accept applications from businesses to accomplish the above referenced objectives no later than June 26, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County directs the Executive Assistant to convene a Grant Application Review Committee that includes representatives from municipalities, to recommend grant awards to the Governing Authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above referenced recommendations for grant awards for the Governing Authority of DeKalb County shall be presented to the Governing Authority on or before July 7, 2020.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

STEVE BRADSHAW
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC, CMC
Clerk to the
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer