



# DeKalb County Government

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## Agenda Item

File ID: 2021-3477

Substitute

12/14/2021

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioner - District 6

### SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): 6

To Appropriate \$86,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation for Other Professional Services for Commission District 6.

Information Contact: Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry

Phone Number: 404-371-4909

### PURPOSE:

To appropriate District 6 reserve for appropriation funds for other professional services for Commission District 6.

### NEED/IMPACT:

Additional funding of \$50,000.00 is required for other professional services to cover services provided to the District 6 Office for constituent services and continued support of other county initiatives.

To continue to implement the District 6 Fruitful Communities Initiative in 2021, do more community outreach, and collect key community data, an additional \$36,000 is requested to be added to the original contract #1257667 previously approved by the Board of Commission for \$100,000.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase appropriations for the following account(s) by the amount indicated below:**

Non-Departmental – Unincorporated Fund – Transfer to General Fund (09130.611100.272.0000.0000) - \$50,000

Non-Departmental – Unincorporated Fund – Transfer to Grant Fund (09130.611250.272.0000.0000) - \$36,000

Board of Commissioners – General Fund – Other Professional Services (00206.521209.100.0000.0000) - \$50,000

**Decrease appropriations for the following account(s) by the amount indicated below:**

Non-Departmental – Unincorporated Fund – Reserve for Appropriation (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) - \$86,000

**Increase revenue anticipations for the following account(s) by the amount indicated below:**

Non-Departmental Revenues – General Fund – Transfer from Unincorporated Fund (00005.391272.100.0000.0000) - \$50,000

### RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the requested appropriated funds and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.

## **RootsDown-District 6 Fruitful Communities- GreenHive Initiatives 2021-3477**

To continue to implement the Fruitful Communities Initiative in 2021, do more community outreach, and collect key community data, the additional \$36,000 should be added to the original contract of \$100,000.

Additional funds will be used for these purposes:

1. Continue and complete the survey work that we started in Fall, 2021 to gather significant community data on leaf blowers, community opinions on PUL's, and complete assessment of the data.
2. Continue the process of auditing DeKalb County's urban agriculture and landscaping policies at the county and department levels in order to identify distinct policy proposals for ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Fruitful Communities Initiative.
3. Organize, market, and conduct a Winter Fruitful Communities Forum in January 2022. The forum will be conducted online and in-person and will educate and engage DeKalb County residents on the issues related to the Fruitful Communities Initiative and Productive Urban Landscapes.

To assist in the survey collection and analysis, and the policy audit process (items 1 & 2 above), Roots Down will be working with members of the GreenHive Leadership Program.

The GreenHive Leadership Program is a 10-week paid fellowship for DeKalb college students to learn leadership and policy-making skills by working directly on Legacy Projects, completing coursework, and discussing policy problems and solutions with DeKalb County politicians and staff. Each GreenHive Leader is required to complete a Legacy Project during the program, and 2 of them have expressed interest in working directly on the above-mentioned policy audit and survey assessment. Some funding will be used to pay them for their policy work. The GreenHive Leadership Program starts in January and lasts for 10 weeks. Students will be working up to 6 hours a week and are compensated \$20 an hour.

The GreenHive Leadership Program consists of 10 college-aged students from four of DeKalb County's schools. RootsDown has already recruited, with the help of career advisors at the local colleges and chosen these 10 students based on an application and interview process.

The GreenHive Leadership Program begins in January and lasts for 10 weeks. Students will be working up to 6 hours a week and are compensated \$20 an hour. They are tasked with completing a legacy project, many of which will be focused on data collecting, researching, and advising on policy to continue the Fruitful Communities Initiative.