



DeKalb County Government

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

Legislation Text

File #: 2022-1257, Version: 1

Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Commission District 6

To appropriate \$105,000 from the 2022 District Reserve for Appropriation for the MicroLife Institute.

Information Contact: Commissioner Edward “Ted” Terry

Phone Number: 404-371-4909

PURPOSE:

To appropriate 2022 reserve for appropriation funds from Commission District 6 to continue the partnership between D6 and MicroLife Institute towards addressing the issue of housing instability, homelessness, aging in place opportunities, visions to revitalize and bring life back to the “distressed” area, and environmental sustainability.

NEED/IMPACT:

The scope of work provided by the MicroLife Institute will continue to advise and support weekly Zoning and code submissions for District 6. Serve as council for the District 6 Office to improve housing options in DeKalb County by developing policy changes that encourage innovative housing developments and help address bikeability and walkability.

The MicroLife Institute will continue to serve as a policy consultant and specific event coordination for DeKalb County, specifically District 6’s office’s involvement in the tiny house festival and innovative housing summit. Consultant's role is to advise, convene, as well as be a strategic implementer of tactical urbanism and ideas that can spark conversation about new housing measures for DeKalb County. Through research, community engagement events, strategic planning and advice, the MicroLife Institute will work towards the goal of improving housing policy and use of space in DeKalb County.

Further, MicroLife will continue to work with the Planning and Sustainability Department and District Offices to recommend revisions to the zoning ordinance and related permitting policies in regard to cottages and cottage courts, as well as accessory dwelling units in order to increase the diversity of housing types in DeKalb County. MicroLife Institute will also provide feedback and recommendations to improve DeKalb County’s community engagement and education processes as they relate to zoning and land use.

The MicroLife Institute will provide community outreach and education regarding the engagement process around zoning, housing policy, and productively providing feedback through the Community Council and BOC process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$105,000 from the appropriate assigned D6 Reserve for Appropriations POETA.

RECOMMENDATION:

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