



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

File #: 2022-1770, Version: 1

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Chief Executive Office

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Appropriation of the reallocation of Federal funds for Emergency Rental Assistance ("ERA") from the U.S. Department of Treasury to DeKalb County Government in the aggregate amount of \$25,000,000.00. The appropriation will allow the County to Re-open the Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition program on June 22, 2022. This action will allocate \$20,000,000 to the TLAC program and will place \$5,000,000 in a reserve line item for future appropriations under the ERA program guidelines.

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PURPOSE:

Due to DeKalb County's proven successful record in providing emergency rental and utility assistance, the Department of Treasury has awarded the County a second reallocation award of \$25,000,000.00 in Emergency Rental Assistance Funds to assist DeKalb residents who are at risk of evictions and/or homelessness. DeKalb continues to show how leadership and programming with the Courts and community partners has not only met but exceeded the goals and expectations as set forth by the Department of Treasury in providing Emergency Rental Assistance grant funds. The Department of Treasury continues to recognize the DeKalb County Government and supports their efforts to provide rental and/or utility assistance to DeKalb residents impacted by COVID-19. Therefore, the Department of Treasury is allocating an additional \$25,000,000.00 to DeKalb County Government.

NEED/IMPACT:

The grant funds are to assist DeKalb County residents who are and continue to experience financial hardships and are unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The program will continue to prevent and protect families from evictions by keeping families in their homes; and will reduce/prevent the risk of homelessness and/or home instability. Payments will be made towards rent and utilities. Funds will provide financial assistance and relief to eligible households through existing or newly created assistance programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant Period March 11, 2021, through September 30, 2025. No impact on the County

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the appropriation of Emergency Rental Assistance Funds to DeKalb County Government in the aggregate amount of \$25,000,000.00; Allocating \$20,000,000 to the TLAC program and \$5,000,000 to rental assistance reserve and authorize the CEO to execute the necessary agreements/document in a form that is acceptable to the County Attorney.