



Legislation Text

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

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 4 and 6

To rescind agenda item 2023-0036 substitute approved 4-11-2023 for an \$125,000.00 over a two-year period from District 6 ARP appropriations to Clarkston Community Health Center (CCHC) to provide medical equipment at the new CCHC facility located at 4038 Rockbridge Road.

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PURPOSE:

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NEED/IMPACT:

The Clarkston Community Health Center (CCHC) is requesting a change in the purpose of the \$125,000 that was allocated to CCHC earlier this year. The original purpose was to be used for purchasing medical equipment. The updated and revised purpose is to use these funds to hire Community Health Workers that will provide patient navigation services in this area. This request is being made due to the urgent need to provide critical services to DeKalb County's disenfranchised, immigrants and refugees who felt the greatest impacts from the ramifications of COVID 19 by serving as a bridge to historically marginalized and/or newcomer communities to improve overall access to healthcare services.

CHWs will assist with navigating existing services for individuals who are unaware of benefits they are already eligible for, proactively educate community members to increase public health knowledge among the diverse communities in Clarkston (new American) as well as native-born, assist with navigating the healthcare system for individuals in need of complex care.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No additional finding will impact DeKalb County

RECOMMENDATION:

To rescind the approval of substitute agenda item 2023-0036