



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Human Services

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Districts 3, 5, 6 & 7.

Acceptance of a Grant from the United Way of Greater Atlanta to provide Food Pantry/Food Services to Intergenerational Families Living in South DeKalb- at no cost to the County

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PURPOSE:

To consider accepting a grant award in the amount of \$23,325 from the United Way of Greater Atlanta for food services to low income families living in South DeKalb and to appropriate the funds to the grant fund.

NEED/IMPACT:

In the Atlanta metro area 14% of the population does not have enough food to eat on a regular basis (referred to as experiencing food insecurity). In South DeKalb zip codes 30032, 30034, and 30035, poverty levels are higher than other parts of the county. According to United Way of Greater Atlanta's Child Well-Being scores, in zip code 30032, 41% of children live in poverty. Food security is low as families struggle with the high cost of nutritious groceries, especially fresh fruits and vegetables. Many households in all three zip codes have an older adult, 55+ years of age, living and supporting the household and a greater number of older adults in this area are raising children. The number of children living in poverty in all three zip codes is higher than the region. Over 50% of families in these zip codes are financially unstable, which is high when compared to other families in the region. The purpose of this grant is to provide food pantry/food services to South DeKalb intergenerational families living in zip codes 30032, 30034 and 30035 to address food insecurity needs in the community. Food pantry boxes will be distributed to 75 families living in three (3) designated apartment complexes, which is intended to reduce food insecurity and increase financial stability for intergenerational families.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund because there is no match requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the grant award in the amount of \$23,325 from the United Way of Greater Atlanta for food pantry services, authorize disbursements and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary

documents.