



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Chief Executive Office

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Appropriation of \$600,000 to the Atlanta Community Food Bank from Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act Grant

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PURPOSE:

To appropriate \$600,000 to the Atlanta Community Food Bank to address food insecurity throughout DeKalb County. According to the estimates from Feeding America, a national nonprofit with a network of more than 200 food banks, even before the coronavirus pandemic, more than 130,000 DeKalb County residents - about 18% of the population - were “food insecure. Food insecurity is a technical term used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that refers to a household that does not always have adequate access to healthy food. The money for the food bank partnership will come from the \$125 million in federal CARES Act funds that DeKalb County received in April.

NEED/IMPACT:

The partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank will allow them to increase distribution to 139 existing DeKalb food pantries by 30% over the next several months. “Mobile distribution capacity” will also be increased in areas that lack easy access to fresh food.

FISCAL IMPACT:

CARES Act funding \$600,000

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the appropriation of \$600,000 from CARES Act funding to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.