



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of Grant from the Georgia Gerontology Society for a DeKalb County Dementia Friendly Communities Project- at no cost to the County

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PURPOSE:

To consider accepting a grant award in the amount of \$2,000 from the Georgia Gerontology Society for a Dementia Friendly Communities Project and to appropriate the funds to the grant fund.

NEED/IMPACT:

In the state of Georgia there are approximately 140,000 people currently living with Alzheimer's disease. In DeKalb County, it is estimated that 8,250 seniors have Alzheimer's or other form of dementia. As the Baby Boomer Generation continues to age in place within our communities, more resources will be needed to assist them with maintaining their independence and quality of life. The Georgia Gerontology Society wishes to partner with the DeKalb Human Services Department to explore the development of Dementia Friendly Communities. The purpose of this project is to engage citizens and community leaders, determine the needs of individuals living with this disease and to collaborate to find solutions. Focus group meetings will be held to further explore the causes and effects of dementia and to complete a community Readiness and Recognition review. The anticipated impact of this project is the enhancement of dementia friendly services for seniors living in DeKalb County. Funding is for the period November 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

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 \$2,000 from the Georgia Gerontology Society for a DeKalb Dementia Friendly Communities Project; appropriate the funds to the grant fund, authorize disbursements and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.