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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 Department of Public Health for the DeKalb County Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program- at no cost to the County

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PURPOSE:

To consider accepting a grant award in the amount of \$612,636 from the Georgia Department of Public Health for the DeKalb County Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program and to appropriate the funds to the grant fund.

NEED/IMPACT:

The DeKalb County MIECHV Program connects families to parenting resources and a wide range of community services that improve child and family well-being. Families receive supportive services through First Steps, Parents as Teachers (PAT) and an Early Head Start Home Based Option (EHS-HBO) program. This home visiting model is an evidence-based approach that is available for families with more intensive needs. The grant award represents the 7th year that funding for this program has been offered to DeKalb County. Participation in MIECHV has been known to assist with the prevention of child abuse and neglect, support positive parenting, enhance child development/school readiness and assist with family economic self-sufficiency. The anticipated impact for this year includes the provision of services to: 123 families in the PAT model, 24 families in the EHS-HBO model, and 1,000 families in the First Steps program. Funding is for the period of October 1, 2017- September 30, 2018.

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 \$612,636 from the Georgia Department of Public Health for the DeKalb MIECHV Program; appropriate the funds to the grant fund, authorize disbursements and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.