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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Community Development

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

2024 CDBG Youth Set-Aside Fund for the Summer Voucher Program

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PURPOSE:

To consider approving the 2024 implementation process for utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that have been designated for Summer Youth Programs in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 and to authorize the Finance Department to make payments to the Board of Health, who will assist in administering the program.

NEED/IMPACT:

CDBG funds will provide expanded opportunities for youth from low-moderate income families to participate in positive recreational and educational programs during the summer utilizing the Summer Voucher Program.

-Funds allocated for the 2024 Youth Set-Aside Program - \$75,000

This program will be available to youth from families who are 80% or less of the median family income. Eighty percent of the median family income for a family of four is \$81,650*. Implementation of a voucher system for recreational and educational programs will empower the families to select programs of their choice from a list of participating agencies. In addition, with the use of these funds the Parks and Recreation Department can provide additional camp scholarships to income eligible families who utilize the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Camps during the summer. This implementation process will maximize the number of youths served by the program. In 2023, the program served approximately 300 youth utilizing approximately 10 program providers.

*DeKalb County Community Development has not received the HUD income limit for 2024. Therefore, the 2023 income limits will be used for program eligibility unless the 2024 income limits are released by HUD before May 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Cost to the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the 2024 implementation process for utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that will be designated for Youth Programs in the amount not to exceed \$75,000; and authorize the Finance Department to inter-fund the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs, and to make payments to the Board of Health for assistance in administering the program.