



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 2

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appropriation of \$50,000 from District 2 ARP Funding to Support Wellroot Family Services for Safe and Stable Housing Renovations for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

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PURPOSE:

To appropriate \$50,000 from District 2 ARP funding to support Wellroot Family Services for safe and stable housing renovations for youth aging out of foster care.

NEED/IMPACT:

Wellroot seeks support to renovate our newly acquired apartment facility that provides safe and stable housing for youth ages 18-21 as they prepare for life beyond the foster care system. Funding for this request will support the renovation of 750 East Lake Drive, Decatur, GA 30030, a 15-unit apartment facility purchased by Wellroot Family Services in 2022 to support youth as they transition from foster care into adulthood. The renovation will allow Wellroot to double the number of youth served per year and expand services to the Dekalb County community.

This investment will renovate the facility, add a security system, and build a community space for the residents to learn and support each other. This project seeks to provide 29 transitional living units/beds that will enable Wellroot to serve 40-50 youth per year that age-out of care in Dekalb County. While youth are in this housing, Wellroot will provide 24-hour support, educational tutoring, and ongoing life skills development, including financial literacy and career development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

An amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the District 2 ARP POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.02.602479

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the appropriation of \$50,000 from District 2 ARP funding to support Wellroot Family Services for safe and stable housing renovations for youth aging out of foster care and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.