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Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 6

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** District 6 and District 4

**Approve a Renewal of \$250,000.00 from District 6 ARP Appropriations to Continue the Tekton Career Training's Empower Clarkston: Green Jobs Training & Weatherization Retrofits for Clarkston, Georgia Training Underemployed Dekalb County Residents**

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**PURPOSE:**

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**NEED/IMPACT:**

Empower Clarkston creates green jobs and develops the skilled workforce of our Clarkston area's unique population, while also providing energy and water retrofits for low-income housing stock. The program delivers measurable outcomes that simultaneously minimize environmental impacts and provide sustained financial benefits to low-income members of the community.

In 2022, the Board of Commission approved agenda 2022-1306 and statement of work (SOW) for a D6 ARP appropriation of \$250,000.00. This funding assisted with the training and the retrofiting 15 homes/ year. The program accelerated this goal and were able to complete 40 DeKalb County homes. In 2024, Empower Clarkston-Tekton strives to retrofit 30 more homes and provide training for 30 students. The program could also cover 30 additional homes in 2025, resulting in a total of 60 homes being upgraded.

This appropriation now will begin the next cycle of recruiting for both students and homes to begin a new cohort and programming in January 2024. The SOW will remain the same. Grants Management has confirmed that Tekton is in good standing with the previous \$250,00.00 D6 ARP appropriation and has worked closely with Auditors to ensure the funding was used and reported appropriately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$250,00.00- District 6 POETA Account 106388.63230.521209.10.6.602778 to be allocated November 2023 and November 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the requested D6 ARP appropriation to Tekton and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute all necessary documents.