



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 1

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 1

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NEED/IMPACT:

The homeless problem is increasing in DeKalb County and there are not enough resources to address this safety and public health concern. The D.A.S.H. will be a **pilot project** with two part time two-person outreach teams of compassionate navigators assisting those who are unhoused to get off the street and get connected with resources offered by A Home's extensive and proven collaborative network of volunteers and donors, community advocates, partner organizations, and other stakeholders invested in solution-oriented initiatives. D.A.S.H. will canvas areas frequented by those who are unhoused/homeless in DeKalb County with a mission of: a) Positive engagement through relationship building, as well as provision of and navigation to temporary shelter and housing resources offered through A Home and our collaborative partners; along with b) Remediation of unsightly discarded debris left behind by those who are unhoused Each D.A.S.H. team will be comprised of a contracted experienced case worker (driver) partnered with someone who is either currently unhoused or recently housed as a workforce opportunity to self-sufficiency. The unhoused apprentice(s) would receive training and a work incentive as compensation, and when possible, a space in our subsidized transitional housing program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding will come from District 1 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding and will be appropriated to A

Home for Everyone in DeKalb

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the appropriation of \$100,000.00 from American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds assigned to Account 105744.63258.521209.01.01.602479 reserved for District 1 to A Home For Everyone in DeKalb and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute all necessary documents in a form acceptable to the County Attorney, for the purpose of providing homeless support services.