



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Human Services

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Acceptance of a Grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to provide Meals to DeKalb Seniors during the COVID-19 Pandemic- At No Cost to the County

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PURPOSE:

To consider accepting a grant award in the amount of \$345,135.83 from the Atlanta Regional Commission through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to provide emergency meals for seniors living in DeKalb during the current COVID-19 Pandemic and to appropriate the funds to the Grant Fund.

NEED/IMPACT:

According to the Atlanta Community Food Bank, food insecurity in the Atlanta Metro Area has increased from 14% to 20% of the population as a result of the current COVID-19 Pandemic. The need for food has increased as many households have experienced job loss and/or a reduction in income. There are currently 132,000 seniors living in DeKalb County. Since the beginning of this pandemic, the Human Services Department has received on average 200 requests per month from seniors in need of assistance with obtaining food. This funding, from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act will allow the Department to provide meals to an additional four hundred eighty (480) seniors. If approved, \$107,064.21 of the total amount will be used to provide congregate meals and the remaining \$238,073.63 will be used to provide home delivered meals.

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 \$345,135.83 from the Atlanta Regional Commission for meals for seniors during COVID-19, Appropriate the funds to the Grant Fund and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.