



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): District 3, 5, 6, 7

2018 NRPA 2018 Healthy Out-of-School Time Grant

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PURPOSE:

To request authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and DeKalb County Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs to accept a Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) grant funded by the Healthy Out-of-School Time Program. The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of healthy meals served to children during out-of-school times; provide evidence-based nutrition education to children and families; and implement healthy eating and physical activity standards.

NEED/IMPACT:

In 2017, the Georgia Department of Education reported that 83% of children in the DeKalb County System received free or reduced lunches. Many children only have access to a healthy and nutritious meal during the school season. To ensure that no child goes hungry during summer, DeKalb County serves as a sponsor of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Each summer, thousands of children ages 18 and under receive a free breakfast and lunch at the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs' recreation centers, or at one of the fifty nonprofit sites that it sponsors.

The Healthy Out-of-School Time Program grant gives priority to applicants serving low income children. Neighborhoods surrounding Luscious Sanders and N.H. Scott recreation centers are the target areas. Funds will be used to purchase items that will make the centers more appealing. In addition, a focused marketing strategy will be employed to increase awareness of programs offered at Luscious Sanders and N.H. Scott. The goal is to increase participation numbers by 50% by the end of the grant year. As enrollment increases, the number of children being hungry when school is out decreases.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a \$25,000 grant to DeKalb County. The grant does not require matching fund; there is no cost to the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the acceptance of a \$25,000 grant from the National Recreation and Park Association and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between DeKalb County and NRPA; and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.....