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Legislation Text

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

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Domestic Violence Intervention & Advocacy Contract between DeKalb County, Georgia and Women Moving On, Inc- Transfer funds from the Victim Assistance Fund to the Grant Fund for a State-Certified Assistance Agency- at a Cost to the County of \$150,000

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PURPOSE:

To consider approval of a contract between DeKalb County and the non-profit, Women Moving On, Inc. to provide domestic violence intervention and advocacy services for women and children living in DeKalb. The contract would be in effect from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023.

NEED/IMPACT:

In the County's 2022 Adopted Budget, \$289,644 was approved for state-certified victim assistance to non-profit agencies and \$150,000 of this amount has been designated for a contract with Women Moving On, Inc. The transfer of funds from the Victim Assistance Fund to the Human Services Grant Fund will allow for the continuation of domestic violence intervention services for vulnerable citizens.

Women Moving On, Inc. operates a Safe House for domestic violence victims living in DeKalb County. The agency also manages a 24-Hour telephone hotline which provides crisis counseling, assists families with supervised visitation of children and provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence. For over 30 years, Women Moving On, Inc has provided services to meet the immediate and long term needs of women and children who experience domestic violence.

During the 2021-2022 contract, Women Moving On, continued a modified service delivery model in response to the ongoing COVID pandemic. Guest rooms were limited to one family per guest room, and emergency hotel rooms were used to support the demands of the shelter. Counseling sessions were held virtually and added safety protocols were added to supervised visitation services. The agency provided safe shelter to 161 women and children, answered more than 7,149 phone calls to the crisis line and coordinated 256 supervised visits for DeKalb families. It is important to note that Women Moving On is the only authorized non-profit in DeKalb County to provide secure supervised visitation. Women Moving On was established in 1985 as the first entity in DeKalb to provide family domestic violence services, which they have been doing for the last 37 years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact, as this action only transfers already appropriated funds. The transfer, once approved, will move funds from the Victim Assistance Fund-Accounting String 03101-611250-206 to the Grant Fund in Cost Center 67510 Human Services- Fund 205.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the contract between DeKalb County and Women Moving On, Inc for the provision of domestic violence intervention and advocacy services in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; Approve the transfer of funds from the Victim Assistance Fund to the Grant Fund; and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.