



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Commission District 6 & Commission District 3

To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation (not to exceed) \$150,000.00 to Trust for Public Land Community Schoolyards

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PURPOSE:

To allocate \$150,000.00 of District 6 ARPA funds to Trust for Public Land Community Schoolyards for the development of community schoolyards, also known as green schoolyards, to serve as nature hubs for teachers, students and communities with outdoor play, recreation, learning features. This District 6 appropriation will be earmarked to support Columbia Elementary School, located at 3230 Columbia Woods Dr, Decatur, GA 30032 which is a feeder for District 6 students.

NEED/IMPACT:

Redesigning schoolyards for after hours and on weekends provides access to greenspace and outdoor activities ultimately having a transformational whole health impact on children, adults and families Schoolyards can include outdoor classrooms, gardens, stormwater capture, traditional playground equipment, nature play areas, trails, trees, water features, and more. See budget and proposal attached. This agenda item mirrors the BOC approved D2 2024-0188 and D4 2024-0127 ARPA funding requests currently being vetted and processed through the DeKalb ARP Work Group.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Allocation (not to exceed) \$150,000.00 of District 6 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from POETA account #105744.63258.521209.01.06.602479

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the allocation of \$150,000 of District 6 ARP funds to the Trust for Public Land Community Schoolyards for the development of community schoolyards, also known as green schoolyards, to serve as nature hubs for teachers, students and communities with outdoor play, recreation, learning features and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.