

# **DeKalb County Government**

Manuel J. Maloof Center 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, Georgia 30030

# **Legislation Text**

File #: 2024-0467, Version: 1		

**Public Hearing: YES** □ **NO** ☑ **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

#### **SUBJECT:**

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Transfer \$10,500 from the 2024 District 6 Reserve for Appropriation Youth Funds to the Salvation Army Boys & Girls of Greater Atlanta to Support Jellybean Production's 2024 "Arts in the Neighborhood" Program for Participants who attend the Peachcrest Location at 3500 Sherrydale Lane, Decatur 30032

Information Contact: Commissioner Edward C. "Ted" Terry

Phone Number: 404-371-4909

### **PURPOSE:**

Jellybean Productions is a start-up Film Production Company located in Decatur, GA created by Cheryl Newland. This 6-week "Arts in the Neighborhood" pilot program augments the Salvation Army Boys & Girls of Greater Atlanta members activities to explore and express through a variety of art and science such as painting, art in architecture, dance, and costume design. This outreach program generates an environment where students can gain an understanding of the TV/Film and STEM industries. The mission is to spark imagination, one child, family, neighborhood, and community at a time by building a more creative world with children at the heart of it.

#### **NEED/IMPACT:**

Art in the Neighborhood" is an artistic outreach program created through to bring art and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programming to school age, middle and high school students. As an artistic and STEM outreach program, JBP has collaborated with the library, youth and religious organizations to bring science and art programming to Dekalb County students and families.

As youth still are recovering from personal impacts of COVID, Arts education is proving effective in working with students impacted by this trauma because the creative process operates on an instinctual level. Data verifies that Art is powerful! Studies have shown how art helps to reduce stress and loneliness, it also helps to teach children how to communicate and helps with students' behavioral problems. Art gives a broader understanding of the world, it gives students an opportunity to express themselves with no limits, through positive expression, if guided in the right manner. Art teaches students how to solve problems by creative means, art teaches logic and collaboration. Art is medicine and a preventative for the soul and is needed in this world and in the community in which we live.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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Increase appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - General Fund - Other Miscellaneous Payments (09110.573099.100.0000.0000) - \$10,500 Decrease appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - General Fund - Reserve for Appropriation (09110.579002.100.0000.0000) - \$10,500

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the requested 2024 D6 Youth Programs Reserve for appropriation to the Salvation Army Boys & Girls of Greater Atlanta and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute all necessary documents.