

Legislation Text

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# Public Hearing: YES D NO Department: Board of Commissioners - District 7

## **<u>SUBJECT:</u> Commission District(s):** District 7

To appropriate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the American Rescue Plan grant funds assigned to the account reserved for District 7 to the DeKalb County Human Services Department for the Lou Walker Senior Center Garden Project to assist in the mitigation of the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## **PURPOSE:**

To approve the appropriation of \$20,000 from the America Rescue Plan grant funds assigned to the account reserved for a District 7 to the DeKalb County Human Services Department for the Lou Walker Senior Center Garden Project to assist in the mitigation of the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **NEED/IMPACT:**

Community gardens have played a major role in addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, serving as a space to provide social support, emotional support, as well as access to fresh food to alleviate food insecurities in DeKalb County among the senior population. A community garden is needed for DeKalb County seniors to increase social interaction, social connectedness, and a sense of agency to mitigate the effects of social isolation and food insecurities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

To appropriate \$20,000 from the American Rescue Plan grant funds for District 7 to the DeKalb County Human Services Department for the Lou Walker Senior Center Garden Project to assist in the mitigation of the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.