



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): All Commission Districts

Approve a \$25,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriation to support the Be Someone, Inc.'s Summer Break Virtual Chess and Life-Skills Instruction program.

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PURPOSE:

Be Someone, Inc. is a DeKalb County-based youth development organization that has been effectively conducting programs nation-wide since 2000. It exists to reduce the acceleration of crime and violence and eradicate the school to prison pipeline teaching essential life skills to youth through the principles taught by learning the game of chess by using the principles of the game of chess to teach invaluable life skills as part of the process of learning to be skilled positive decision makers. (See attached Risk Assessment Form)

NEED/IMPACT:

Our DeKalb County youth are facing unprecedented challenges that test their decision-making abilities every day. COVID has exasperated many of these issues and crime is rampant. Sadly, we see weekly, too many of our youth making the wrong choices and these choices effect households, property, businesses, and visitors throughout DeKalb County. It is imperative to collaborate with as many organizations as possible since the more young people that we can reach, the greater the odds of positive outcomes will be for us all.

Be Someone Inc., is experienced and have received national awards and recognition as experts at engaging young people's minds and attention through this unique critical thinking and mentoring program.

Since 2000, more than 88,000 youth have participated in this innovative program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This District 6 ARP appropriation of \$25,000 will provide financial assistance to implement this important 5-week summer mentoring program. (See proposal attachment for itemized use of funding)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the District 6 ARP appropriation, the attached scope of work which will be used by Law for the MOA and authorize the Administration to execute the necessary documents.