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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES ☐   NO ☐   **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 5

SUBJECT:
Commission District(s): District 5

An item to allocate $50,000 of the American Rescue Plan funds, reserved for District 5 appropriations POETA #106388.63239.521209.10.5.602778 to DeKalb Pro Bono for the purpose of providing legal assistance to tenant and landlord eviction disputes in DeKalb County and any other allowable uses under the law for ARPA funds

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PURPOSE:
The purpose of this agenda item is to allocate funding to DeKalb Pro Bono from the American Rescue Plan funds to provide legal assistance for tenant and landlord eviction disputes in DeKalb County. DeKalb Pro Bono exits to benefit the citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia and to promote the administration of justice by developing, operating, and administering programs for the provision by attorneys in DeKalb County, Georgia, of volunteer legal services to low-income persons involved in civil matters, and to engage in any lawful activities related thereto.

DeKalb Pro Bono is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been incorporated since June 1, 1982 with the sole purpose to connect indigent residents involved in civil legal matters to attorneys who provide them with free legal services. Many of its clients are underemployed and or unemployed due to the impacts of the COVID -19 pandemic.

NEED/IMPACT:
With the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for legal assistance in landlord tenant evictions is prevalent. This agenda item will designate $50,000 of District 5 American Rescue Plan funding to aid DeKalb County citizens who need the assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT:
$50,000 to DeKalb Pro Bono from POETA #106388.63239.521209.10.5.602778

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

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