



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 6 and 2

Approve \$15,000.00 from District 6 ARP appropriations to support to the Decatur MLK Service Project to Mitigate Seniors and Veterans households that Have Faced Negative Economic Impacts Due to COVID From Losing Their Homes.

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PURPOSE:

To approve a District 6 ARP appropriation of \$15,000.00 to support a joint District 2 ARP appropriation of \$15,000 to support the Decatur MLK Project for both the 2024 project year as well as some "off-cycle" repairs the project conducts throughout the rest of the year that include:

- General repairs to 20-25 homes including repairing interior and exterior components that are unsafe or failing due to age, moisture and other problems
- Installing wheelchair ramps for seniors unable to use stairs
- Repairing and replacing leaking roofs that present a health and safety hazard
- Weatherizing 1-2 homes annually to reduce energy costs and increase health and comfort of the occupants
- Conducting yard clean ups and drainage projects to mitigate water infiltration in homes

The DeKalb County ARP Workgroup has pre-approved this proposal and confirmed that home repairs and weatherization are eligible uses for impacted households, which includes households that faced negative economic impacts due to COVID. Because the homes aren't in a QCT documentation will be provided in reporting to show that beneficiaries were impacted households. The funds will supplement an estimated \$30,000 annual budget which the project raises. The funding comes from individual donations, business sponsorships, the proceeds from Restaurants for Repairs event.

NEED/IMPACT:

In 2003, the DPA Board identified a need to alleviate the economic pressures on our community's elderly and thereby enable at-risk seniors to remain in their homes safely and comfortably, improving their quality of life. To achieve these goals, the MLK, Jr. Service Project was started to provide house maintenance and repair, free of charge, to Decatur senior citizen homeowners during the MLK, Jr. holiday weekend.

Decatur's MLK, Jr. Service Project honors the legacy of Dr. King, who worked tirelessly toward a dream of equality, freedom and justice. Transforming these principles into community action, Decatur's MLK, Jr. Service Project brings people of all ages and backgrounds together, working toward that goal of "Beloved Community."

This joint District 2 and District 6 ARP appropriation will supplement the annual budget to help support The Decatur MLK Service Project and their service project that helps low-income veterans and seniors in the City of Decatur by providing urgent major home and yard repair in order to enable these long-time residents to remain in their homes, prevent them from becoming homeless, allowing them to age in place, along with counterbalancing the impacts of

gentrification.

FISCAL IMPACT:

An amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the District 6 ARP POETA Account 106388.63230.521209.10.6.602778

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the District 6 ARP appropriation, and the attached scope of work which will be used by Law for any required agreements. This referenced appropriation and project has previously been vetted and pre-approved as an eligible ARP appropriation.