

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-189

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLAYTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT THROUGH THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, seeks authorization from the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to apply for, and if awarded accept, the 2021-2022 Victims of Crime Act Grant Program (“VOCA Grant”), which is awarded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (“CJCC”) and is an annual renewal request that supports one full-time and two part-time Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) Volunteer Supervisors for the Clayton County Juvenile Court’s CASA program; and

WHEREAS, Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, also seeks authorization from the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to apply for, and if awarded accept, the 2021-2022 Family Violence Prevention, and Services Act (“FVPSA”) American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Supplemental Funding Program, which is awarded through the Georgia CJCC; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Juvenile Court is requesting up to \$100,168.00 in grant funding with no cash or in kind match requirement; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding time period is October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022;

and

WHEREAS, the grant packets for Fiscal Year 2021, are due on September 22, 2021;

and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Juvenile Court's CASA program is dependent upon screened and trained volunteers to provide advocacy services for children ages 0-18, who are victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment that come before the court, and the National and Georgia CASA organizations, restricts the number of volunteers per supervisor to 30; and

WHEREAS, obtaining grant funding allows Clayton County Juvenile Court to increase the number of children the court can service with CASA services; and

WHEREAS, the state has seen significant decreases in VOCA funding, therefore, the CJCC has applied for and has been awarded emergency supplemental funding to offset those decreases; and

WHEREAS, the absence of the grant funding would eliminate one full-time CASA Volunteer Supervisor and two part-time CASA Volunteer Supervisors which would reduce the number of youth the County would be able to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County, and that the County will best be served by allowing the County to apply and if awarded accept the grant funding for the above stated purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, to apply for, and if awarded accept the 2021-2022 Victims of Crime Act Grant Program, which is awarded through the Georgia Criminal

Justice Coordinating Council and is an annual renewal request that supports one full-time and two part-time CASA Volunteer Supervisors for the Juvenile Court's CASA program.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, to apply for and if awarded accept the 2021-2022 Family Violence Prevention, and Services Act American Rescue Plan Supplemental Funding Program, which is awarded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

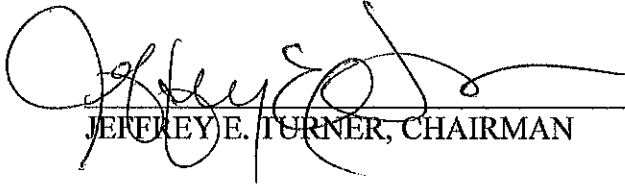
Section 3. The Board of Commissioners further authorized the Clayton County, through the Clayton County Juvenile Court, to request up to \$100,168.00 in grant funding with no cash or in kind match requirement. Further, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute the Agreement and to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution


Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

**SO RESOLVED**, this the 7th day of September, 2021.


**{Signatures on the following page}**

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