

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 -77

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES FOR VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2023; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE RELATING THERETO; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, research shows that the majority of military veterans return home strengthened by their military service, but some struggle with trauma, mental illness (such as post-traumatic syndrome disorder), and substance abuse disorders and end up in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS a study, published by the Community Mental Health Journal, found that veterans who participate in Veterans Treatment Courts (“VTCs”) experience significant improvement in housing, depression, relationships and social connection, overall functioning and well-being and other areas; and

WHEREAS, VTCs provide treatment, accountability, and mentoring, and they help connect justice involved veterans with the benefits they have earned; and

WHEREAS VTCs save lives, families, and futures of military veterans, save taxpayer dollars and enable participants’ likelihood of successful rehabilitation through early, continuous and intense judicially supervised treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Accountability Court Judges (“CACJ”) offers a grant to enhance Clayton County’s Veterans Treatment Court program for qualified veterans who enter or who are already involved in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to apply and accept fiscal year 2023 grant funding for up to \$143,644.86 from the Council of Accountability Court Judges to provide veterans involved in the criminal justice system with intense case management, treatment, and access to other needed services to the improvement of the health and welfare of these citizens; and

WHEREAS, there will be a twelve percent (12%) match required from Clayton County, which, if approved for the total amount, would be a cost of \$19,587.94; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of Clayton County, and the County will best be served by entering into an Agreement with the CACJ for the 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 to apply for and accept grant funding from the Council of Accountability Court Judges to enhance the Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court program for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of up to \$143,644.86, with a required match of \$19,587.94. The Board authorizes the Chairman to execute the Agreement and to otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Board also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the Budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense relating thereto.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

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SO RESOLVED, this 19th day of April, 2022.

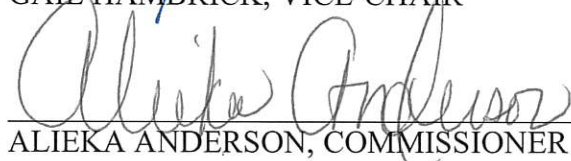
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN



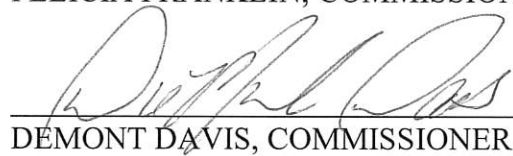
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