

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -82

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM; 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 our 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've earned; and

WHEREAS VTCs save lives, families, and futures of our 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 offers a grant to enhance Clayton County's Veterans Treatment Court program for qualified veterans who enter or who are already involved in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to apply and accept grant funding up to \$500,000.00 from Bureau of Justice Assistance with a 25% match by the County in the amount of \$125,000.00 once the grant is approved to provide veterans involved in the criminal justice system with intense case management, treatment and access to other needed services to improvement of the health and welfare of these citizens.

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 Bureau of Justice Assistance to enhance the Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court program for FY2021 in the amount of up to \$500,000.00 with a 25% match by the County in the amount of \$125,000 once the grant is approved. 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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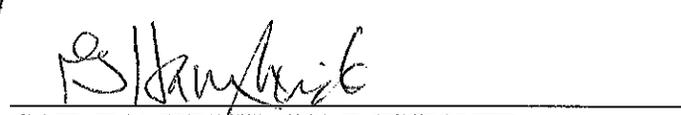
SO RESOLVED, this 19 day of May, 2020.

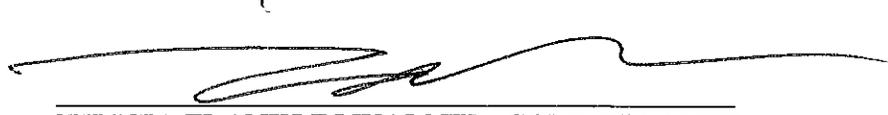
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