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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: Jack Turner

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500.00 TO, BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER GEORGE CHISM.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 7) passed on July 6, 2015 (the "CEP Resolution"), the Shelby County Board of Commissioners created a Community Enhancement Program and established policies and guidelines for the appropriation and disbursement of County funds to governmental entities and non-profit civic and charitable organizations meeting certain criteria, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Said CEP Resolution provides that all grant appropriations pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program shall promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and shall only be available to support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that community enhancement grant proceeds must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that such grants shall be approved to specific entities by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That funds from the FY2016 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to Best Buddies International, Inc. in the amount of \$4,500.00 as a grant listed in Exhibit A hereto for the projects detailed in the attached plan of services for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said grant proceeds must promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements, and must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and execute a grant contract with the specific entities designated herein within thirty (30) days of the grantee's compliance with the grant awarding conditions set forth in the CEP Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of grant funds shall be made as provided by the CEP Resolution and the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants for all amounts appropriated herein, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

Exhibit A
Community Enhancement Grants
FY 2016

Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. __) passed _____, 2016

Best Buddies International, Inc.

Grant Agency Best Buddies International, Inc.

Type of Grant Program

Grant Amount \$4,500.00

Sponsor(s) Commissioner George Chism \$4,500.00

Purpose Best Buddies International's mission is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD.) In 2009, Best Buddies International opened its Tennessee state office in Brentwood with private funding raised over several years by local volunteers. In 2013, their Memphis office was opened to better serve the region. The Best Buddies mission is also carried out through e-buddies, an e-mail pen pal program; Best Buddies Citizens, and adult friendship program; Best Buddies Jobs, a supported employment program; and Ambassadors, a leadership training and skill development program for people with IDD. Funding from the County Commission Community Enhancement Program would allow Best Buddies Tennessee to sustain and grow 25 Best Buddies chapters at middle and high schools throughout Shelby County serving youth and young adults with IDD and their typical peers. Their school-based friendship programs address the following goals and seek the following outcomes: 1) promote one-to-one friendship opportunities between students with IDD and their typical peers; 2) develop leadership skills for students with and without IDD to lead the inclusion movement; 3) transform attitudes regarding the needs and natural

abilities of people with IDD; and 4: develop social skills for people with disabilities that aid in their employment, independence, and community integration.