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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: Craig E. Willis

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00 TO WOMEN OF CONCERN STATE OF TENNESSEE, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER EDDIE JONES AND COMMISSIONER REGINALD MILTON.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 24) passed on August 1, 2016 (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 FY2017 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to Women of Concern State of Tennessee, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500.00 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 2017

Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. __) passed _____, 2017

Women of Concern State of Tennessee, Inc.

Grant Agency Women of Concern State of Tennessee, Inc.

Type of Grant Program

Grant Amount \$3,500.00

Sponsor(s)	<u>Commissioner Eddie Jones</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	<u>Commissioner Reginald Milton</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Purpose Women of Concern-State of TN (WOC) was founded in 1992. Dr. Margarte Morgan birthed this program to meet the unique needs of senior citizens, youth, and ex-offenders. WOC fights for a variety of causes; including feeding the homeless on Beale Street, exoneration of an ex-offender who was proven innocent through DNA testing, and standing up for the rights of students. Their mission is “to impart knowledge, believing that knowledge is power, and empowering senior citizens and youth from our most economically depressed communities within our city.” Its goal is not to offer a handout, but to offer for each population to strategically set S.M.A.R.T. Goals (Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-based) in order to bring about a change in their personal lives and in their communities. They seek to teach, reach, serve, empower, and guide our senior citizens, youth and ex-offenders to programs and facilities. Funding from the County Commission Enhancement Grant program will be used for the Senior Citizens Awareness and Empowerment Program, and wrap up with a Health & Wellness Fair. Blankets, warm clothing, utility vouchers will be available. The funds will also go to the Youth Skills Program which is focused on helping youth through challenging times and

to the Ex-Offenders Program. The Ex-Offenders Program offers an opportunity to develop skills and support resources for survival by normal productive means. Extensive personal and career counseling, individualized assessment, basic reading and math, GED classes, job/career training, clerical training, and career development and job placement/advancement assistance. Effectiveness of these programs will be measured by the increase of those assisted, as well as the positive results recorded.