

Item \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: Craig E. Willis

RESOLUTION AWARDDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO GREATER LIFE NETWORK , INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN BURGESS.

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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 Greater Life Network, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00 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).

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Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.  
Shelby County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit A**  
**Community Enhancement Grants**  
**FY 2017**

**Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. \_\_) passed \_\_\_\_\_, 2017**

Greater Life Network, Inc.

**Grant Agency** Greater Life Network, Inc.

**Type of Grant** Project

**Grant Amount** \$2,500.00

**Sponsor(s)** Commissioner Melvin Burgess \$2,500.00

**Purpose** Greater Life Network (GLN) has successfully motivated, redirected and transformed the lives of adults and youth by elevating their level of think obtaining gainful employment and exposure to social and spiritual environments/events they would not have experienced if not engaged with Greater Life Network. GLN is designed to prepare youth and young adults, women and those with special needs with life skills, worship, motivational teaching, job and interview skills, and much more. The main objective and goal is "Redirecting and Transforming Lives One Step and One Day at a Time." Funds procured through the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be used to start Diamonds in the Rough...Reclaiming our Communities One Step One Day at a Time Project. Many areas in the City of Memphis are struggling to find new uses for vacated, blighted and neglected properties. These properties have fallen into disrepair, causing a threat to public health, water quality and the economic vitality of communities. Reusing these sites provide an opportunity to improve neighborhoods, extend the quality of life and benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County. Specifically, GLN would like to begin with a vacant parcel/property they purchased from MLB located in the North Memphis area at 921 Jehl Place. Pavilion-like structures, or "open-air gazebos," will

create a park-like setting which will improve the neighborhood. Criteria for measuring the effectiveness of the project will be: 1) Re-Energizing Local Economies, 2) Improving Neighborhoods, and 3) Protecting Environmental Health.