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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

RESOLUTION AWARDDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE MID-SOUTH, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER STEVE BASAR AND COMMISSIONER WALTER BAILEY.

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 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00 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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mid-South, Inc.

Grant Agency Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mid-South, Inc.

Type of Grant Program

Grant Amount \$15,000.00

Sponsor(s) Commissioner Steve Basar \$10,000.00

Commissioner Walter Bailey \$5,000.00

Purpose Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mid-South's mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. As a one-to-one mentoring organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mid-South has paired thousands of children with positive role models through their Community-Base and Site-Base Programs. The Community-Base Program has a retention rate of 92%. The Site-Base Program has a retention rate of 76% (due to the loss of communication between the volunteer and child over the summer months.) In order to increase the retention rate and help facilitate suitable relationships over the summer between the Site-Base matches, Big Brothers Big Sisters will implement Bridge the Gap sessions. The sessions will convene at a central meeting place for mentors and mentees over the summer with a primary focus on safety, financial literacy, personal health and college readiness. Funds secured for Bridge the Gap will be used to purchase supplies and cover the costs of transportation, food, and staffing.