

Item \_\_\_\_\_

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

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

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

Reviewed by: John B. Turner, Jr.

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO TRI STATE YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY CHAIRMAN 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 Tri State Youth Baseball Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00 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).

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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**

Tri State Youth Baseball Academy, Inc.

**Grant Agency** Tri State Youth Baseball Academy, Inc.

**Type of Grant** Program

**Grant Amount** \$10,000.00

**Sponsor(s)** Chairman Melvin Burgess

**Purpose** The purpose of Tri State Youth Baseball Academy is to provide organized activity during the summer for inner-city youth ages 4 through 19 years of age. Its goal is to re-introduce baseball as a wholesome activity that enhances values of self-esteem, respect for authority, and other associated values which contribute to everyone in the community. The area of South Parkway and South Bellevue have been served by Tri State Youth Baseball Academy by providing encouragement for people in the surrounding neighborhoods to see youth playing baseball rather than youth engaging in gang activity. Not all neighborhoods have the resources to provide activities for youth during the summer. If one (1) child does not get involved in criminal activity as a result of this program, it is on track of obtaining its mission. Funds allocated from the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be used to buy uniforms, balls, bats, gloves, and other equipment as needed. It will also be used to pay for facilities fees (maintenance of the baseball fields,) liability insurance, and Contract Services for umpires. Effectiveness of the program is evaluated by 1) increased participation in the number of kids from single-parent families 2) returning participants who enhance their skillset to the next level 3) development of winning teams 4) consistent attendance for practice sessions and 5) increased self-esteem and more disciplined behavior.

