

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 \$6,000.00 TO BLUES CITY CULTURAL CENTER, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER REGINALD MILTON AND COMMISSIONER JUSTIN FORD.

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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 Blues City Cultural Center, Inc., in the amount of \$6,000.00 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**

Blues City Cultural Center, Inc.

**Grant Agency** Blues City Cultural Center, Inc.

**Type of Grant** Project

**Grant Amount** \$6,000.00

**Sponsor(s)** Commissioner Reginald Milton  
Commissioner Justin Ford

**Purpose** Blues City Cultural Center (BCCC) is a performing and visual arts organization. For over 35 years, BCCC has used the stage and other venues as platforms to enlighten, empower and transform the lives of Shelby County residents. BCCC believes the foundation for change can be found in artistic endeavors that ultimately help people discover new ways of engagement, expression and self-determination. Their programs resonate across cultures and generations by fostering dialogue, understanding and acceptance. Funding allocated through the County Commission Community Enhancement program will be used for two BCCC projects; This is Orange Mound and If You Can't Stand the Heat. This is Orange Mound is designed to develop an authentic neighborhood tour based on cultural assets deemed significant by elders and youth in Orange Mound. While it supports the efforts of Melrose High School to integrate placed-based assets and heritage within its tourism coursework, it positions neighborhood youth as stewards in sustaining the cultural heritage of Orange Mound. If You Can't Stand the Heat addresses common health conditions that disproportionately African-Americans age 50+. It is estimated that 35% of this segment of residents in Orange Mound have medical conditions

related to high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease. Both projects will use the arts as a platform to engage residents in making positive changes within the lives and neighborhoods. BCCC utilizes a professional evaluator with expertise in designing culturally-relevant, human-centered data collection instruments to measure the effectiveness of its programs.