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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: John B. Turner, Jr.

RESOLUTION AWARDDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 TO COLLEGE READY MEMPHIS, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIE BROOKS.

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 College Ready Memphis, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00 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

College Ready Memphis, Inc.

Grant Agency College Ready Memphis, Inc.

Type of Grant Program

Grant Amount \$5,000.00

Sponsor(s) Commissioner Willie Brooks

Purpose College Ready Memphis (CRM) was founded to recognize student achievement, including cash awards for high school Valedictorians and Salutatorians, as well as their instructors. CRM sponsors 'Man of the House' Economic Mentoring, a project created to introduce young men to Faith, Skill, and History. CRM's goals are (1) to provide awareness of academic resources and opportunities to teens and families; (2) to engage students in grades 8 – 12 in productive, work-based curriculum and instruction; and (3) to demonstrate hands-on skills that lead to immediate employment for students, possible entrepreneurship, and overall success as adults. It embraces the concept espoused by renowned educator Booker T. Washington, that trade and vocational skills combined with confidence and determination will lead many of these young people to productive and meaningful lives. Funds granted through the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be used toward direct engagement of middle and high school students in a classroom format, using the list of "110 Tasks Every Young Man Should Know How to Do Before Ninth Grade." Their model emphasizes weekly in-school 'classes' that cover a back-to-basics program of Literacy Improvement, Communication Skills, History (1865 to present), Geography and Map Reading, Decorum, and an Introduction to Hands-On Work Skills. This is accomplished through the establishment of a

new Mentoring and Literacy Club (MLC) with the basic parameters and format similar to that of any other school-based club or organization. Success of the program will be assessed using a Pre-Test and a Post-Test.