

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 \$5,000.00 TO COUTURE CARES, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER WALTER BAILEY, COMMISSIONER JUSTIN FORD AND COMMISSIONER VAN TURNER.

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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 Couture Cares, 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).

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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**

Couture Cares, Inc.

**Grant Agency** Couture Cares, Inc.

**Type of Grant** Program

**Grant Amount** \$5,000.00

**Sponsor(s)** Commissioner Justin Ford \$2,500.00  
Commissioner Van Turner \$2,500.00

**Purpose** Couture Cares exists to positively change our community and the lives of our youth regardless of race, color, or religion. They hope to grow literacy knowledge of students pertaining to career-oriented roles that will better prepare them for life. One of their initiatives, 'Her Prom Closet Couture Cares,' provided over 100 formal dresses to inner-city high school girls whose parents couldn't afford to do so. These young ladies participated in forum sessions such as make-up application, wearing proper undergarments, and hygiene awareness. They were given the opportunity to present a vision board on the subject, 'What I Want to Be in Life and Why.' Other projects include 'Back to School Backpack Drive Couture Cares,' 'Curls for Girls Back to School Drive Couture Cares,' 'A Soul to Give Concert Couture Cares,' and 'Read Around the Christmas Tree.' Funding received from the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be earmarked for The Literacy Education Platform which will educate youth on the proper way to develop resumes and complete applications for schools and jobs. It will also teach them the dos and don'ts of business attire and the correct way to answer interview questions. It will also be used for the 'Her Prom Closet Drive' which will give underprivileged young ladies the things they need for their special night. Effectiveness will

be measured by the number of successful, quality resumes attained, the participants' hiring rate, and number of acquired college acceptance letters as well as the number of participants who are fitted for prom compared to previous years. Couture Cares desires to have a positive impact on the amount of young adults in our community who are able to receive a job, trade, or degree while increasing in maturity and self-esteem.