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CEO BURRELL ELLIS ANNOUNCES STIMULUS GRANT AWARD

DECATUR – CEO Burrell Ellis announced today that DeKalb County has received a \$250,000 Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families' Office of Community Services (HHS/ACF/OCS). Out of 250 applications, 49 awards were selected for SCF. DeKalb County is the only program awarded in Georgia.

"I am proud DeKalb has been selected for the Strengthening Communities Fund grant. It is an invaluable resource in our mission to partner with organizations in the County that work to serve our citizens. We are working hard in a purposeful and collaborative way to provide opportunities to organizations that support a united DeKalb," said CEO Ellis.

The competitive SCF grant award application was submitted by the DeKalb Capacity Building Consortium, led by the Human Development Department, along with other key partner agencies including the Community Development Department, Workforce Development Department, Decatur Cooperative Ministry, United Way, and Community Resource Group.

"The SCF grant program is in alignment with CEO Ellis' goal to seek ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) and other grant funds that can help DeKalb County excel in economic recovery," said Dale Phillips, Director of the Human Development Department. "With these funds, DeKalb County can continue to build upon its capacity to partner with community-based non-profits. We will also be able to provide training and technical assistance to help non-profits better serve those in need and increase their organizations' involvement in the economic recovery."

Specific project activities for the county during the next two years will include free capacity training workshops for at least 50 local faith-based and community-based organizations (FCBOs) and one-on-one capacity building technical assistance for at least 20 FCBOs.

For more information about the grant program, please contact Dale Phillips, Director of Human Development Department, 404-270-1172 or dpphilli@co.dekalb.ga.us.

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