

DeKalb County Commissioners
Resolution No. 2025-R-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY,
OPTING IN TO THE HOUSING OPTIMIZERS PRECONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM
TO SUPPORT PRE-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR HOUSING ACTIVATION**

WHEREAS

1. The County of DeKalb recognizes the urgent need to expand housing opportunities for residents, particularly through sustainable, community-led development; and
2. Advancing new housing projects requires significant preconstruction work, including planning, permitting, environmental assessments, and land preparation, which can pose high upfront costs and risks; and
3. The Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant Program, administered by the Northeast Indiana Strategic Development Commission (NEISDC) and the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority as fiscal agent, provides sustainable financial support to cover eligible preconstruction activities; and
4. Participation in the program will enable the County to leverage regional funding, reduce local financial barriers, and catalyze new housing activation within the County; and
5. To access this funding, counties must adopt an official opt-in resolution and submit it to the NEISDC by December 26, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY:**

1. Opt-In Authorization: The County of DeKalb, by and through its duly elected Commissioners, hereby formally opts in to the Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant Program. We recognize that this is not an acceptance of funding, but rather a commitment to undertaking the steps required to access the funding available.
2. Preconstruction Activities Commitment: Funds received through the Program shall be used exclusively for approved preconstruction-related expenses, including but not limited to architectural and engineering services, zoning and permitting costs, environmental assessments or remediation, master planning and urban design, surveying, land acquisition deposits, legal and project management services, and other eligible activities as approved by the NEISDC.
3. Compliance and Accountability: The County agrees to comply with all program requirements, including submission of financial and project updates, maintaining active communication with the NEISDC, and ensuring proper use of funds toward new housing activation.



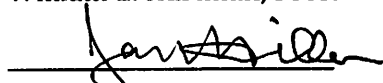
4. Delegated Authority: The Commissioners, or their designee, are authorized to execute all agreements, applications, certifications, and reports necessary to secure and administer Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant funds on behalf of the County.
5. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of **December 2025**, by the Board of County Commissioners of DeKalb County.

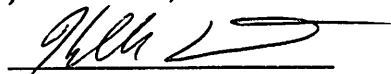
SIGNED:



William L. Hartman, President

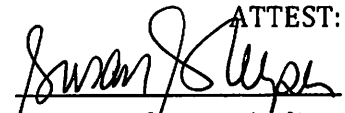


James Miller, VP



Kellen Dooley, VP

ATTEST:


Susan Sleeper, Auditor