RESOLUTION 2017-026    PASSED: JANUARY 23, 2017

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS, TO ENTER INTO AN FY2017 FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AN AMOUNT OF $45,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING COMMUNITY EVENTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the City hereby approves of an Agreement, in the form attached here to as Exhibit A, subject to such revisions as shall be acceptable to the Mayor with the advice and recommendation of the City Manager. City Staff is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution and to the Mayor is authorized and directed to hereafter execute and comply with the terms of such agreement.

Section 2. That the City Clerk of the City of DeKalb be authorized and directed to attest the Mayor’s signature.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, at a Regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of January, 2017, and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. Passed by an Omnibus roll call vote of 8-0 under the Consent Agenda. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Faivre, Rey.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER JEEP JOHNSON, City Clerk

JOHN A. REY, Mayor
DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FY17 FUNDING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this 23rd day of January, 2017, by and between the City of DeKalb, an Illinois Municipal Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the City") and the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Chamber").

RECITAL

WHEREAS, the Chamber has been organized and chartered for the purpose of supporting the growth and development of the community and the City of DeKalb, and has agreed to undertake certain work aimed at lessening the burden on local government by actively participating in activities to promote economic vitality throughout the City of DeKalb; and,

WHEREAS, the Chamber's goal is to expand, strengthen, implement, and sustain the redevelopment efforts in the City of DeKalb through community events. The City and the Chamber recognize that communities thrive when people are better connected - local economies expand, businesses succeed, education grows, and support systems become more efficient; and,

WHEREAS, the primary objective of Chamber's efforts as funded under this Agreement shall be to benefit the community by organizing and supervising local events and activities aimed at fostering partnerships among schools, families, community groups, and individuals, increasing business recognition and patronage, and improving the quality of life by promoting positive interaction between individuals who share a vested interest in their community; and,

WHEREAS, the City will benefit from the efforts of the Chamber and has approved an amount of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars ($45,000.00) in funding to financially assist the Chamber in its efforts to enhance the vitality of the City; and,

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I. FUNDING. For FY2017 the City shall grant to the Chamber the amount of Forty-Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($45,000.00) in funding to implement a program of activities designed to encourage the economic vitality of the City of DeKalb as described in "Exhibit 1".

II. PAYMENT. Payments will be made quarterly throughout 2017, following the receipt of an invoice from the Chamber.

III. STATUS REPORT. The Chamber shall make an oral year end status report to the City Council no later than the first City Council meeting in December, 2017 which shall summarize all downtown events, promotions, and related activities undertaken by the organization during the preceding year.
IV. FAILURE TO PERFORM. This Agreement may be declared null and void by either 
the Chamber or the City should either party fail to meet any of the terms and conditions 
noted herein, within thirty (30) days of written notification of same by the other party, and 
during which time the other party has not complied with this Agreement's provisions and 
conditions.

V. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. The Chamber shall not discriminate in its employment, 
operations, or business practices on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, military service 
status, age, national origin, matriculation, sexual orientation or disability.

VI. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE. The Chamber shall operate under the terms and 
conditions of the City's adopted Drug Free Workplace policy during the term of this 
Agreement.

VII. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL BUDGET, AUDITOR'S REPORT & MEETING 
MINUTES: The Chamber shall annually submit a copy of their approved annual budget 
and Auditor's Report and copies of any board meeting minutes of any meeting where the 
use of City funding is discussed or acted upon within thirty (30) days of the approval of 
such documents.

VIII. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS: The Chamber shall comply with all 
applicable laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the use or disbursement of 
public funding.

IX. TERM OF AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2017 
to December 31, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement on the date so 
shown at the beginning.

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CITY OF DEKALB               DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

John Rey, Mayor               Michael Cullum, Board Chair

Jennifer Jeep Johnson, City Clerk
January 3, 2017

Anne Marie Gaura
City Manager
City of DeKalb
200 South Fourth Street
DeKalb, IL 60115

Dear Anne Marie:

The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce is requesting a continuation of the funding for special events in DeKalb during Fiscal Year 2017. Here are some of updates of the events in 2016.

Farmers' Market – The 2016 season included another year in the Van Buer Plaza with the Live Lunch Music with new and returning vendors. We’ve created a new Farmers’ Market Committee to provide ideas and feedback from vendors, representatives from the City, NIU and local merchants to continue to make the market better.

Spooktacular – After receiving feedback from the merchants group, the date was moved to Thursday, October 27 from 4:30 to 6:30pm. The change to an evening event helped to avoid other conflicts while still providing a fun, safe environment for trick-or-treaters.

Hollydays – Santa continues to make a grand entrance with madrigal singers leading us into carriages rides and visits with Santa for the weekend in December prior to Christmas.

Breakfast with the Bunny – In 2016, the partnership with the DeKalb Park District provided a sold-out breakfast followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at Hopkins Park. The attendance exceeded our expectations and provides for a fun event for all.

Memorial Day Parade – The tradition continues in DeKalb to celebrate Memorial Day with a parade and finishing with an event at the historic Ellwood House. This year’s event had great weather and a great turnout from the community.

Fourth Street Family Fun Fest – Offering a fun family event continued as a part of the return of Kishwaukee Fest. Touch a truck and games brought families out to enjoy it.

Our request is to continue the events and agreement to fund the Special Events through a partnership with the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce for $45,000 for the Fiscal Year 2017. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don’t hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working together again in 2017.

Thanks,

Matt Duffy
Executive Director
DeKalb Chamber of Commerce