

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Low- Income Household Water Assistance Program Agreement  
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**Department:** Administration  
**Meeting Date:** 02/15/2022  
**Item Description:** Consideration to approve an Agreement between the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (DHS-DFCS) and the Effingham County Board of Commissioners

## **Summary Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the request.

## **Executive Summary:**

Staff received the agreement from the Director at Action-Pact, an organization which provides, in part, utility assistance to low income households. This initiative is being administered by DHS-DFCS to provide funds to cover and/or reduce arrearages, rates and fees associated with reconnection or preventions of disconnection of service and rate reduction to assist low-income holds with water and wastewater reconnection and ongoing services.

## **Background:**

The Georgia Department of Human Resources was established in Georgia since 1972. The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) was form in 2009 as part of the reorganization of the former department. The department is the largest agency in state government. The Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) was enacted by Congress in 1980.

## **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the Agreement between the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services.
2. To not approve the agreement.

**Recommended Alternative:** Staff recommends Alternative 1

**Other Alternatives:** N/A                      **Department Review:** Administration

**Funding Source:** Funding is provided by federal funds

## **Attachments:**

1. Agreement