

	<p>CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA</p> <p>Agenda Item Summary</p>	<p>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</p> <p>03/02/2026 Work Session</p>
<p>Requesting (Initiator): Councilman Alfred Dixon</p>		<p>Sponsor(s): Councilmember Alfred Dixon</p>
<p>Item Title:</p>	<p>Council to discuss Jonesboro Education Trust (JET) Pilot Initiative</p>	
<p>Requested Action: Work session discussion regarding the establishment of the Jonesboro Education Trust (JET) Pilot Program, a public-private youth investment initiative designed to support early financial literacy, civic engagement, and long-term education savings pathways for Jonesboro students.</p>		
<p>Requirement for Council Action: Discussion only; no formal action requested at this time.</p>		
<p>Is this Item Goal Related? Yes. This item aligns with Council priorities related to youth development, workforce readiness, community engagement, educational attainment, and long-term economic opportunity.</p>		
<p>Summary and Background: The Jonesboro Education Trust (JET) is a civic-engagement–driven youth investment initiative designed to introduce financial literacy, savings habits, and community participation beginning at the kindergarten level. The program connects positive civic engagement activities, such as volunteering, family financial literacy participation, and community involvement to education savings incentives funded through public-private partnerships.</p> <p>The proposed 2026–2027 pilot cohort will serve 25 kindergarten students and will be supported through philanthropic, corporate, and financial-institution partnerships rather than general fund expenditures. The pilot establishes a scalable framework designed to grow annually, building a long-term pathway for Jonesboro youth to access post-secondary education, workforce training, or entrepreneurship support.</p> <p>The City’s role will focus on convening partners, supporting community engagement opportunities, verifying participation activities, and providing visibility and program coordination, while private and philanthropic partners fund incentives and account contributions.</p>		
<p>Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.</p>		
<p>Exhibits Attached: Program Overview and JET Pilot Budget Breakdown</p>		
<p>Council A. Dixon Recommendation: Work Session discussion only</p>		

<p>FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (City Manager)</p>	
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