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CITY OF BESSEMER INVESTS \$60,000 IN PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS

The City of Bessemer is proud to announce its collaboration with five esteemed non-profit organizations, leveraging Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This partnership aims to address various needs of Bessemer residents, including childcare and food assistance.

This year, the City has allocated \$60,000 for public service programs, targeting youth and residents of low-to-moderate (LMI) incomes. The Bessemer City Council approved the allocation of these funds to support vital initiatives and each agreement has been signed by Mayor Kenneth Gulley.

The selected partners and activities for 2024 include:

- **A.G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club** was designated \$15,000 for a youth summer camp and afterschool educational program at the Southside Homes Public Housing Community Center.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Alabama** was designated \$10,000 to support the matches of 10 youths in the school-based mentoring program who reside in the City of Bessemer.
- **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama** was designated \$15,000 to fund food distribution to needy families at 11 locations throughout Bessemer.
- **Childcare Resources** was designated \$5,000 to provide supplemental childcare assistance for children aged 0-5 from low-income working families in Bessemer.
- **Legal Services of Alabama** was designated \$15,000 to provide legal representation to low-and-moderate income (LMI) individuals, the elderly, and those experiencing homelessness within Bessemer.

The City of Bessemer is committed to supporting its residents and fostering a thriving community. By channeling CDBG funds into these impactful programs, the City aims to make a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most.

For more information, please contact the Economic and Community Development Department at 205-424-4060.

