

**A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER(S) CARLA SMITH**



**13-R-0610**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM TROY-BILT AND KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FOR THE TAKING ROOT GRANT TO FUND THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S COMMUNITY GARDENING PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$12,000.00) AND THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENT(S) FOR GRANT IMPLEMENTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Troy-Bilt and Keep America Beautiful ("KAB") have introduced the Taking Root Grant ("Grant"), a gardening program for KAB affiliates wherein six KAB affiliates will be selected and awarded as follows: \$10,000 cash plus up to \$2,000 in Troy-Bilt products to one organization, and \$3,000 cash plus up to \$1,000 in Troy-Bilt products to each of the five runners-up; and

**WHEREAS**, project eligibility under the Grant is limited to starting a community garden, implementing a gardening education program, or creating a public flower garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta ("City") is a KAB affiliate in good-standing and an eligible applicant for the Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City works to actively promote community gardening and education throughout the City and has an interest in this award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability desires to apply for and accept the Grant in an amount not to exceed the maximum possible award of Twelve Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,000.00) (i.e., \$10,000 in cash and \$2,000 in gardening products); and

**WHEREAS**, in the event that the City is selected as a finalist, the City will need to promote its participation using City-owned communication channels (such as newsletters, website, social media) and local media and provide a short video for the contest tab on Troy-Bilt's social media page; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to improve our community gardening efforts across the City by participating in the Taking Roots program.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES**, that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and accept the KAB Grant in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$12,000.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to enter into any required agreement(s) for grant implementation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the application and agreements will not become binding on the City and the City will incur no liability or obligation under it until it has been approved by the City Attorney as to form, executed by the Mayor, attested to by the Municipal Clerk, and delivered to Troy-Bilt and Keep America Beautiful.