

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2022 Homeland Security GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$39,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program with amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a grant of \$20,000.00 or otherwise awarded, from the 2022 Homeland Security GSAR Grant Program and amend the multi-governmental fund by like amount

Background: Funds have been allocated to the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase and maintenance of equipment received as part of the West Central Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) team. This team was formed to improve responses to heavy rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and the surrounding counties. Heavy search and rescue involve the location, rescue extrication, and the initial medical stabilization of the victims trapped in the confined space. The GSAR team can respond to incidents across the state under mutual aid, and the goal of the GSAR team is to have a four-hour response capability anywhere in the state.

Analysis: The state is providing the funds for new rescue equipment for the Hazardous GSAR Team.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$39,000.00 with no matching funds required.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these funds.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant of \$39,000.00 from the 2022 Homeland Security GSAR Grant Program.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY GEORGIA SEARCH AND RESCUE (GSAR) GRANT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW RESCUE EQUIPMENT. THIS TEAM WAS FORMED TO IMPROVE RESPONSES TO HEAVY RESCUE EMERGENCIES TO THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBUS AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES. HEAVY SEARCH AND RESCUE INVOLVES THE LOCATION, RESCUE AND INITIAL MEDICAL STABILIZATION OF VICTIMS.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Governor’s office to fund the Georgia Search and Rescue Team: and,

WHEREAS the purchase of new equipment requested in the grant proposal will greatly enhance the current emergency response program; and,

WHEREAS the funds have been allocated through the 2022 Homeland Security GSAR Grant Program: and,

WHEREAS the equipment will be utilized to respond to heavy rescue emergencies to Columbus and the surrounding counties; and,

WHEREAS this grant proposal requires no matching funds

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a Homeland Security GSAR Grant of 39,000.00 from the 2022 Homeland Security GSAR Grant Program.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor