Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2022 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 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 Hazmat equipment.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval is requested to accept a grant for \$20,000.00 or otherwise awarded, from the 2022 Homeland Security Hazmat 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 used for the Columbus Fire and EMS regional hazmat team. The team responds to local hazardous materials incidents as well as provide mutual aid and hazardous material response capabilities to multiple jurisdictions outside of Muscogee county.

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

<u>Financial Considerations</u>: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$20,000.00 with no matching funds required.

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

<u>Recommendation/Action</u>: Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant of 20,000.00 from the 2022 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY HAZMAT GRANT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EQUIPMENT. THE TEAM RESPONDS TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY AS WELL AS SURROUNDING COMMUNTIES TO PROVIDE HAARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAINMENT TO INCLUDE CHEMICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INCIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Governor's office to fund the Columbus Fire and EMS Hazmat 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 Hazmat Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS the equipment will be utilized to respond to hazardous material 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 Hazmat Grant of \$20,000.00 from the 2022 Homeland Security Hazmat 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.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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