

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Retired Volunteer Service Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to run the RSVP program in our area and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount will be determined by the (CNCS) with a match amount from the City of Columbus up to \$10,000.00, of which the funds are in-kind services in the form of salary and wages. The grant amount requested is approximately \$47,500 or otherwise awarded, to be used to implement the program.
INITIATED BY:	Parks & Recreation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to run the RSVP program in our area and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount will be determined by the (CNCS) with a match amount from the City of Columbus up to \$10,000.00, of which the funds are in-kind services in the form of salary and wages. The grant amount requested is approximately \$47,500 or otherwise awarded, to be used to implement the program.

Background: The RSVP program is a continuing resolution that has been authorized by Columbus Council each July since its inception in 1973. This grant is a continuation grant that provides opportunities for senior adults from all backgrounds, ages fifty-five and above, to utilize their knowledge, experience and talents in meaningful volunteer service to the community for a three-year award period.

Analysis: The City of Columbus and the federal sponsor, The Corporation for National and Community Service, jointly fund The RSVP program. RSVP continues to respond to the changing needs of the community currently, there are approximately 75 active volunteers, rendering over 12,000 service hours annually at 5 volunteer stations.

Amend: Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund for the amount approved for the grant to run for three consecutive years before required to resubmit an application, agenda and resolution.

Amend: Allow the Columbus Department of Parks & Recreation to be the facilitator of the program and funds to implement and facilitate the program.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount requested is approximately \$47,500 for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the City of Columbus. The City's match requirement is in kind services of salary and wages.

Recommendation: Authorize a resolution to approve the City to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant from the Corporation for national Community Service to maintain the RSVP program in Columbus Georgia, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded.

A RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$47,500, OR OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE; WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000.00 OF IN-KIND SERVICES WHICH ARE SALARIES AND WAGES AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, under the authority of the National and Community Trust Act of 1993, funds are available for the continuation of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation would like to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund for the amount approved for the grant for the three year period; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department has 5 current volunteer stations actively involved in providing services to other community members; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department provides daily activities to program participants and citizens at no significant cost to the city; and,

WHEREAS, the need for volunteers in the current stations as well as many new facilities could not provide some services offered without the volunteer program designed to help support and enhance existing programs and are vital to many facilities and organizations in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the RSVP program for approximately \$47,500, or otherwise awarded, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded for three consecutive years.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ 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 _____.