

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Department of Accountability Courts – Jail Screening Expansion Grant |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Superior Court Accountability Courts, from February 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded. There is no match required for this funding. |
| INITIATED BY: | Superior Court |

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Superior Court Accountability Courts, from February 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded.

Background: The Bureau of Justice Administration has provided funds to operate Accountability Courts. The funds are being provided through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to be utilized to operate accountability courts in FY26-27 for the purposes of a special project.

Analysis: The Superior Court Department of Accountability Courts is requesting a grant of \$169,720 from the CJCC to operate the Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Treatment Court jail screening program for a period of 19 months.

Financial Considerations: There is no match required for this special project funding.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be required to continue this program when the grant funds have been expended.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to submit a grant application and if approved, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Superior Court Accountability Courts jail screening project from February 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$169,720 or as otherwise awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO. ____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$169,720 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO FUND THE SUPERIOR COURT ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS JAIL SCREENING PROJECT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AWARD AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Department of Accountability Courts jail screening project for a 19-month period beginning February 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, funds are being made available to provide support for the operation of the Superior Court Accountability Courts; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Bureau of Justice Administration through the CJCC to fund Accountability Courts in the State of Georgia; the CJCC is accepting grant requests from Accountability Courts throughout the State of Georgia; and we are requesting funds for a special jail screening project; and,

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for this funding opportunity.

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

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veteran's Treatment Court jail screening project and if awarded accept \$169,720 to provide funding from February 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the
____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of
_____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Anker voting _____.
Councilor Chambers voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Hickey voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor