

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State of Georgia Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – Formulytics Software Platform
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Homeland Security Program, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount. NOTE: The City of Columbus must make the initial purchase at the cost of \$50,000 and then be reimbursed by the State.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Homeland Security Program, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

Background: Formulytics is a software platform that will be utilized by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to develop and track gang intelligence information. In addition, the Formulytics software will provide for building case files in preparation for criminal prosecution of gang cases in accordance with the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office will be the first "Regional Hub" in the State of Georgia utilizing the Formulytics software.

Analysis: Formulytics will be used by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Investigative Unit, in the pursuit and prosecution of criminal gang activity.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for a software platform, in the amount of \$50,000.00, with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$50,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FORMULYTICS SOFTWARE PLATFORM TO BE USED IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GEORGIA STREET GANG TERRORISM AND PREVENTION ACT.

WHEREAS, Criminal gang activity has become a significant issue in Columbus affecting the quality of life for the citizens of Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been approved by the Georgia Homeland Security Program to receive \$50,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Formulytics Software Platform, will allow for the efficient gathering and assembly of prosecutorial case files in order to prosecute criminal gang activity in accordance with the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act; and,

WHEREAS, the funds have been allocated through the 2021 Georgia Homeland Security Program Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the software will be utilized to enhance the efficiency of collecting and tracking criminal gang intelligence; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires purchase of equipment with state reimbursement of funds with no matching funds required.

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

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a Georgia Homeland Security Program Grant of \$50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by \$50,000.00 or the actual amount funded.

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 March, 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