

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion Grant Application
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit and accept grant funding from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for reimbursement of \$195,184.00 for the purchase of 3,456 recycling carts to expand the recycling program.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply and accept grant funding from The Georgia Environmental Protection Division’s Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion Grant.

Background: The Environmental Protection Division seeks to expand recycling infrastructure that will increase recycling, waste reduction, and diverting recoverable materials from the solid waste stream.

Analysis: The Department of Public Works researched and found available grant funding offered through The Environmental Protection Division. The grant is a reimbursement for the purchase of recycling carts after the carts have been procured.

Financial Considerations: This grant does not require any matching funds.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive the grant funding offered by The Environmental Protection Division.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for the grant funding.

**RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR RECYCLING CARTS TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT CURBSIDE CART-BASED RECYCLING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desires to provide citizens with the opportunity to recycle appropriate materials and divert recoverable materials from the Pine Grove Landfill; and,

WHEREAS, the supply and availability of appropriate recycling carts is critical to expand access to cart-based recycling collection; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Division is granting funds from the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reduce solid waste, recover valuable materials, support manufacturing, protect the environment and human health, and encourage innovation; and,

WHEREAS, grant funding is available to support Columbus Consolidated Government’s curbside recycling program; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Division has been identified as a partner for cart-based recycling program expansion for communities seeking to expand their recycling infrastructure and programs.

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

The City Manager is authorized to submit and accept grant funding from the Environmental Protection Division Solid Waste Trust Fund to allow for the expansion of the Columbus Consolidated Government curbside cart-based recycling program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____ 2022, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of 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 III, Mayor