

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Grant for the Columbus Police Department
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000, or as otherwise awarded, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, from the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, with no local match required and amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000, or as otherwise awarded, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, from the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, with no local match required, and amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: For fiscal year 2023, Governor Brian Kemp approved \$100 million to provide law enforcement with funding to address violent crime and law enforcement staffing issues attributed to COVID 19. The program is designed to grant funds on a competitive basis to qualified state and local law enforcement agencies to support violent crime reduction through the purchase of violent crime reduction equipment and technology and community violence intervention.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department will use the funds for law enforcement violent crime reduction programs, equipment and technology, and community violence intervention programs.

Financial Considerations: the funds are available as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act and are available with no matching requirements.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive the funds and will be bound by the terms of the grant contract.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000, or as otherwise awarded from the State of Georgia, Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget with no local match required and amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the award amount.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$ 1,500,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY VIOLENCE REDUCTION GRANT, ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND BY THE AMOUNT

AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, through the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant, Governor Brian P. Kemp is dedicating up to \$1.5 million to address a decrease in public sector law enforcement staffing that occurred as local governments fought the effects and spread of COVID-19: and,

WHEREAS, the grants are available to public sector law enforcement agencies to be used for violent crime reduction programs, equipment and technology and community violence intervention programs; and,

WHEREAS, the grants seek to improve the safety for the citizens of Muscogee County, Columbus, Georgia, and enhance the Columbus Police Department’s ability to improve the quality of life for the citizens and community in which it serves.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, Public Safety and Community Violence Grant of \$1,500,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the amount of the award.

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.

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