

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Purchase of NOAA Severe Weather Radios
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the GEMA for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for the purchase of NOAA Severe Weather radios for City buildings, schools, public buildings, assisted living facilities, and more, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$62,025, or otherwise awarded, with a local match cash requirement of \$6,202.50.
INITIATED BY:	Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the GEMA for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for the purchase of NOAA Severe Weather radios for City buildings, schools, public buildings, assisted living facilities, and more, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$62,025, or otherwise awarded, with a local match cash requirement of \$6,202.50.

Background: Funding is available through a GEMA Hazard Mitigation grant, which can be used for the purchase of NOAA Severe Weather radios for public use.

Analysis: This grant will allow the City to purchase approximately 1,500 NOAA weather radios to help alert residents and visitors of Columbus to possible or impending severe weather/disasters.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount requested is \$62,025 with a \$6,202.50 cash local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The City of Columbus is eligible for this grant and if awarded and accepted, will be bound by the requirements of the grant contract.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant from GEMA for the purchase of NOAA Severe Weather radios, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded and the cash match requirement.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,025.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO PURCHASE NOAA WEATHER RADIOS FOR CITY BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, AND MORE, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD. THIS GRANT IS ALLIGNED WITH THE PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN CURRENTLY IN EFFECT FOR COLUMBUS, GA/MUSCOGEE COUNTY. THIS PRE-APPLICATION IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. THIS GRANT REQUIRES A LOCAL MATCH OF 10% TOTALING \$6,202.50. THE 10% LOCAL MATCH WILL BE A CASH MATCH WHICH MEANS IT WILL BE PAID BY COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT. THIS GRANT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the City to purchase approximately 1,500 NOAA weather radios to help alert residents and visitors of Columbus to possible or impending severe weather/disasters, and,

WHEREAS, the NOAA weather radios will be purchased and signed out by the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to help ensure the most effective use of the radios, and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management will program and track the NOAA weather radios to keep up with inventory of the issued radios once assigned across the city, and,

WHEREAS, the local match of 10% totaling \$6,202.50 will be paid out of the budget of the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at the time of the grant award,

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

That the City Manager, Mayor, or their designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and if approved, accept a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$62,025.00 with a local match of \$6,202.50, or as otherwise awarded, and the FY 23 budget will be amended by like amount and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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 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 Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor