

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| <b>TO:</b>             | Mayor and Councilors   |
| <b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b> | <b>2022 Brownfield Assessment Grant</b>  |
| <b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b> | Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant funding will be utilized to conduct Brownfield Assessments of properties within South and Midtown areas of Columbus per the attached map |
| <b>INITIATED BY:</b>   | <b>City Manager's Office</b>   |

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant funding will be utilized to conduct Brownfield Assessments of properties within the south and midtown areas of Columbus per the attached map.

**Background:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the FFY 2022 Request for Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup Grant Proposals. Community Reinvestment has worked with Terracon to develop a grant application which was submitted to EPA on December 3, 2019. The city was notified that the application was not selected as a recipient of the grant. The city was encouraged to reapply for funding for the same activity and the same amount. The rewritten application was submitted in October 2020. The city was notified that the 2<sup>nd</sup> application was not selected as a recipient of the grant. The city was encouraged to reapply for funding for the same activity with a different amount. The city was notified that the application was not selected as a recipient of the grant. The city was encouraged to reapply for funding for the same activity. The rewritten application was submitted in December 2021. The city was notified that the 3<sup>rd</sup> application was not selected as a recipient of the grant. The city was encouraged to reapply for funding for the same activity.

If awarded the Brownfield Assessment Grant could provide up to \$500,000 to conduct environmental studies on properties located within Columbus, Georgia. The assessment will provide the City with information on the number of potentially environmentally contaminated properties that exist within the boundaries of the South, and Midtown areas of Columbus. This will be the first step in developing a plan for remediation in order for the properties to be redeveloped for future uses.

**Analysis:** If awarded, the city could receive up to \$500,000 to conduct assessments of the properties within the South and Midtown areas to determine how many may be environmentally impacted. The report will be a useful tool for redevelopment purposes and can be used to potentially bring more grant funding to Columbus to clean-up some of the identified environmentally contaminated properties.

**Financial Considerations:** There will be no financial impact. There are no match requirements for this grant.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all grant agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant funding will be utilized to conduct Brownfield Assessments of properties within Columbus, Georgia.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT, AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED UP TO \$500,000 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO FUND BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENTS OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the FFY 2022 Request for Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup Grant Proposals; and,

**WHEREAS**, if awarded the Brownfield Assessment Grant could provide up to \$500,000 to conduct environmental studies on properties located within Columbus, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the grant application must be submitted to EPA by November 22, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds will assist the City in developing a plan for the remediation of environmentally contaminated properties so these properties can be redeveloped for future uses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

To authorize the City Manager to apply, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a Brownfield Assessment of properties located within Columbus, Georgia.

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.

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| 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 | _____. |

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor