

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested 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.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested 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, 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 law enforcement staffing, violent crime reduction equipment and technology, and community violence intervention.

**Analysis:** The Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office will purchase SMART technology and equipment from independent contractors. This equipment will be used for crime scene collection, investigations, canine operations, and investigative safety, all using the latest technologies.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant is for the purchase of SMART technology and equipment to support a violent crime reduction strategy amounting to \$1,500,000, with funds being reimbursed by the state. No local match is required.

**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.

**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, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND BY THE AMOUNT REWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF VIOLENT CRIME RESPONSE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, INCLUDING CRIME SCENE COLLECTIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, CANINE, AND INVESTIGATIVE SAFETY, THAT WILL SUPPORT A VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.**

**WHEREAS**, violent crime and law enforcement staffing were directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office has been approved by the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget to receive \$1,500,000 of grant monies from the American Rescue Plan Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of SMART technology and equipment will support a violent crime suppression strategy that will be implemented by the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office, including crime scene collection, investigations, canine, and investigative safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this strategy is to reduce violent crime, thereby improving quality of life and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds have been allocated through the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Grant, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal requires the purchases of SMART technology and equipment, with no matching funds required,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by \$1,500,000 or the actual amount funded.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor