

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, Request For Release of Funding (RROF)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute the Request For Release of Funds (RROF) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia and The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to gain access to \$10,075,000 for the construction of Warm Springs Senior Village located at 4219 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, GA.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Request For Release of Funding (RROF) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to access Moving To Work (MTW) funding. The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dollars.

Background: Warm Springs Senior Village will be a new construction development of a mixed income community located at 4219 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, GA. The project will consist of one 3-story building elevator consisting of 72 units of affordable housing. The unit mix will be 50 1-bedroom, 1 bath and 22 2-bedroom, 2 bath units. This project is a joint venture between the Housing Authority of Columbus, GA (HACG) and In-Fill Housing II, Inc., an affiliate of the Macon-Bibb County Housing Authority. The project was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in 2020. HACG will provide construction/permanent financing and 50 project-based vouchers to the development. HACG is requesting City Manager Signature for the Request For Release of Funding (RROF) document to access Moving To Work (MTW) funding. The Request for Release of Funding (RROF) is the official funding request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development needed for the Housing Authority of Columbus to move forward with their proposed Warm Springs Senior Village Development project. Moving to Work (MTW) is a funding program for public housing authorities (PHAs) that provides them the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families. Moving to Work (MTW) funding has had a strong influence in improving the delivery of low-income housing, specifically through the public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. City Manager signature is needed since the City of Columbus is the responsible entity for HUD funding.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to allow the City Manager to execute this Request For Release of Funding (RROF)

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations: Any agreement involving City of Columbus requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute a Request For Release of Funding (RROF) document with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to access Moving To Work (MTW) funding. The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDING (RROF) WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO ACCESS MOVING TO WORK (MTW) FUNDING.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided Moving To Work (MTW) funding to the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) for affordable housing development; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) requested a Request For Release of Funds (RROF) from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of Warm Springs Senior Village located at 4219 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, GA.; and,

WHEREAS, The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Request For Release of Funds (RROF) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia and The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to gain access to \$10,075,000 for the construction of Warm Springs Senior Village located at 4219 Warm Springs Road, Columbus, GA.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2021 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, III, Mayor