

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and accept a Project Safe Neighborhoods reimbursement grant for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 for \$40,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to be used for eligible projects as defined in the grant, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant program is used to assist in the investigations, training, and education projects concerning criminal street gangs.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Dept. – Gang Investigations Unit

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and accept a Project Safe Neighborhoods reimbursement grant for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 for \$40,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to be used for eligible projects as defined in the grant, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Background: The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant program is used to assist in the investigations, training, and education projects concerning criminal street gangs. The Columbus Police Department is on the list of awardees for this grant. The grant does not have a local match requirement. The grant will be used to reimburse the costs of equipment / technology, off sight training / travel for investigators, and items used to educate the public concerning criminal street gangs.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department – Gang Investigations unit is eligible to use these grant funds. The grant requires that the Police Department apply for reimbursement to recover funds used in the investigation / prosecution of criminal street gangs.

Financial Considerations: The amount that the Columbus Police Department is eligible to accept for is \$40,000. There is no local match requirement. The city will have one year in which to complete this grant.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: The grant will reimburse \$40,000 to the Columbus Police Department Fund over a one year period, with most of the activity expected during the first two years. The General Fund will not be affected.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Police Department is eligible to apply for this grant award with Council approval. Council must approve the application for and acceptance of

all grant awards and the City Manager, as Signing Authority, or his designee, must sign all required contracts, reports, and certifications. Upon signing, the City will be obligated to the U.S. Department of Justice to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant contract.

Recommendation/Actions: Accept and approve the application and subsequent award of the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant in the amount of \$40,000 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A 2020 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD, AND TO ALLOCATE THE AMOUNT AWARDED TO THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – GANG INVESTIGATIONS UNIT FOR CRIMINAL STREET GANG INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE GRANT.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has announced a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant awards for FY 2020. This grant supports a broad range of activities to assist in the investigation, prosecution, training and public education concerning criminal street gangs. These funds can be used to reimburse costs associated with initiatives, technical assistance, training, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems involving the investigation / prosecution of criminal street gangs; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department is eligible to receive \$40,000 in funding with no local match requirement; and,

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and if awarded, accept a FY20 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant in the amount of \$40,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and that the funds will be used by the Columbus Police Department – Gang Investigations Unit as determined, and to amend the Columbus Police Department Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____ 2020, 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 T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor