

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	GEMA/HS EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL/BOMB SQUAD GRANT
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for \$38,750.00, or as otherwise awarded, for operation of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team, and to amend the Multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for \$38,750.00, or as otherwise awarded, for operation of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: Funds have been provided to the State of Georgia from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive \$38,750.00 from a Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security state subgrant.

Analysis: Funds will be used to sustain and enhance the operation of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team.

Financial Considerations: This is a one-time grant with no local match requirement. Funding will provide new x-ray equipment for the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive these funds on behalf of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office will be bound by the terms and conditions of the grant award, including a previously signed agreement with GEMA/HS defining requirements and conditions for the operation of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit/Bomb Squad.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant in the amount of \$38,750.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the operation of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,750.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE COLUMBUS HAZARDOUS DEVICES RESPONSE TEAM, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the funding is available through a state subgrant from the Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office operates the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team; and,

WHEREAS, GEMA/HS has made \$38,750.00 of funding from this subgrant available to the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office.

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

That the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office is hereby authorized to accept a grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security in the amount of \$38,750.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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, Mayor