

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>GEMA/HS EOD K9 PROGRAM GRANT</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for operation of the explosive detection canine program, and to amend the Multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for operation of the explosive detection canine program, 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 \$52,000.00 from a Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security state subgrant.

**Analysis:** Funds will be used to sustain and enhance the operation of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Explosive Detection Canine Program and purchase a fully outfitted new K9 response vehicle.

**Financial Considerations:** This is a one-time grant with no local match requirement. Funding will provide veterinary care, supplies, and equipment for the Explosive Detection Canine Program and a new K9 response vehicle.

**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 operation of an Explosive Detection K9 Program.

**Recommendation/Action:** Authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant in the amount of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the operation of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Explosive Detection Canine Program, 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 \$52,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K9 PROGRAM, 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 an Explosive Detection K9 Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, GEMA/HS has made \$52,000.00 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 \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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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	_____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor