

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept CARES Act funding, authorize the Mayor and/or his designee to execute all necessary documents, and establish and amend the budget to create a CARES Act Fund.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, authorize the Mayor and/or his designee to execute all necessary documents, and to establish and amend the budget to create a CARES Act Fund.

Background: The CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. This over \$2 trillion economic relief package intends to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. Title V of the CARES Act provides resources to state and local governments. The state of Georgia receives \$4.1 billion based on a funding formula.

Analysis: Local governments share of funding is \$1.8 billion. Five local governments with populations over 500k received a direct allocation. The City of Columbus (Muscookee County) has been allocated \$10,248,054.25 in phase 1 funding which represents 30% of the total allocation. 30% of this allocation, \$3,074,416.28, will be available for immediate advancement once the application and certifications have been processed. A portal will be available to request reimbursement from the state for eligible expenses. GeorgiaCARES is a grants management system administered by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget to facilitate distribution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the cities/counties. The Mayor has signed a document acknowledging the acceptance of certain terms and conditions of the grant.

Financial Considerations: Reimbursements requests must be documented and submitted thru the portal. Funding has been authorized for eligible expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Phase I funding is for the period ending September 1, 2020. Funding cannot be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue. Revenue replacement is not a permissible use of these funds.

Legal Considerations: Council must accept the CARES Act funding.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, ratify the Mayor's signature to the CRF Terms and

conditions, authorize the Mayor and/or his designee to execute all necessary documents, and to establish and amend the budget to create a CARES Act Fund.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDING THRU THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF), TO AUTHORIZE OR RATIFY THE MAYOR AND/OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND TO ESTABLISH AND AMEND THE BUDGET TO CREATE A CARES ACT FUND.

WHEREAS, Congress passed the CARES Act and signed into law on March 27, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the CARES Act is an economic relief package intended to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia received \$4.1 billion based on the funding formula; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus (Muscokee County) has been allocated \$10,248,054.25 to be used for expenses from March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will receive an advance of Phase I funding in the amount of \$3,074,416.28.

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

1. That the Mayor’s signature to the CFR Terms and Conditions which are attached is hereby ratified.
2. That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to accept the CARES Act funding, execute all necessary documents, and establish and amend the budget to create a CARES Act Fund. The authorized users are designated as Isaiah Hugley, City Manager and Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ July 2020 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 Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor