

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Amended Memorandum of Understanding with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. for Utility Assistance Program Administration Services</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize an amended MOU with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to continue the administration of CCG’s Utility Assistance Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize an amended MOU with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to continue the administration of CCG’s Utility Assistance Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Background:** The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) has allocated \$2,000,000 to assist low-income households, that pay a higher proportion of household income for utility expenses. This assistance targets the costs of electricity, natural gas, and water to residential dwellings.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. administers a low-income housing energy assistance program (LIHEAP) to City of Columbus residents. The LIHEAP program concluded July 31, 2023. CCG has partnered with Enrichment Services Program, Inc to extend and expand the utility assistance program to ensure utility assistance continuity. To date, Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to provide administration of the grant program with an administration cost of \$100,000 and \$1,400,000 in direct client benefit.

To expend the remaining \$500,000, an amended MOU with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to continue the administration of CCG’s Utility Assistance Program is being requested. Enrichment Services Program, Inc. will provide administration of the grant program with an administration cost of \$35,000 and \$465,000 in direct client benefit.

**Analysis:** Enrichment Services Program, Inc. will continue to assist CCG with administration of the Utility Assistance Program utilizing American Rescue Plan funding.

**Financial Considerations:** The City has allocated \$2 Million for ARP Utility Assistance and Administration. \$1.5 Million has currently been expended. There are no further financial considerations.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all agreements as to form before execution.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the authorization of an amended MOU with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to administer CCG’s Utility Assistance Program funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ENRICHMENT SERVICES PROGRAM, INC.  
TO ADMINISTER THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT UTILITY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF  
2021.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has created and developed a utility assistance program with funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has allocated \$2,000,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to this utility assistance program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has expended \$1,500,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to this utility assistance program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to continue engaging in programmatic administration of the allocated funds by continuing to partner with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to assist with administering the utility assistance grant program.

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute the attached amended memorandum of understanding and appropriate related documents relative to administering the city’s utility assistance program funded by the American Rescue Plan.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2023 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 Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor