

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2022 Family Connection Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager as Fiscal Agent, submit an application, and if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Department of Human Services for a Family Connection grant in the amount of \$48,000, with no local match required, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded. The Children, Youth and Family Coalition exists to provide Family Connection activities in order to improve child health, including reduced incidences of teenage pregnancy, child abuse, neglect and other risk factors that impact on the well-being of Columbus children, youth and families.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager as Fiscal Agent, submit an application, and if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Department of Human Services for a Family Connection grant in the amount of \$48,000, with no local match required, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded.

Background: The Children, Youth and Family Coalition exists to provide Family Connection activities in order to improve child health, including reduced incidences of teenage pregnancy, child abuse, neglect and other risk factors that impact on the well-being of Columbus children, youth and families.

Analysis: Funds are available from the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide assistance to the Children, Youth, and Family Coalition to establish Columbus as a Family Connection Community.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount requested is \$48,000 but may be lower or higher depending on state budgetary conditions and may be increased or decreased during the year as allowed or required. The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant. Funds will be available for Fiscal Year 2022.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition is qualified to apply for funds under this program with Council approval. The Columbus Consolidated Government is and will continue to be the fiscal agent for this grant.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to authorize a resolution to approve the City to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services, with no local match required, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT, AND THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, TO SUPPORT THE COLUMBUS/MUSCOGEE COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION COLLABORATIVE FOR IMPROVING CHILD HEALTH AND WELFARE, SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, FAMILY STABILITY, FAMILY ECONOMIC CAPACITY, AND TO REDUCE CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY, AND TO AMEND THE FAMILY CONNECTION FUND 0985 BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Georgia Department of Human Services for the purpose of establishing and continuing Family Connection communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition will provide the collaborative framework for measurable results of programs implemented by community organizations that address the needs of children, youth and families; and,

WHEREAS, this process will provide the communication link between agencies to impact positively on child abuse, neglect, teenage pregnancy and high school graduation rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition will apply for a grant of \$43,000 or as otherwise awarded, with no matching funds required. Funds will be available from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES;

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application for and if awarded, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$48,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, to continue Columbus, Georgia as a Family Connection community for improving child health, school performance, family stability, family economic capacity, and to reduce child abuse, neglect and teenage pregnancy, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount awarded..

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____ 2021, 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