

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Extension of the Subrecipient Agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health for Cure Violence Columbus
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The act funded \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local governments which CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its negative economic impacts. Since Columbus has experienced an increase in violent crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic, alternative initiatives are being considered to reduce violence throughout the community. Cure Violence Columbus is a grassroots movement started by local community partners with a sole mission to address the violence epidemic afflicting the marginalized and low-income communities in Columbus.

Analysis: Successful outcomes of the program will reduce community violence. There was a delay in getting the staff onboard. The original expiration date was June 30, 2023. The desire is to extend the agreement to March 31, 2024.

Financial Considerations: The award amount for this grant is \$500,000.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the agreement and approve as to form prior to execution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the request to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO FUND THE CURE VIOLENCE COLUMBUS INITIATIVE FOR AN AWARD AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00 TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY VIOLENCE EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11,2021 which provided Fiscal Recovery Funds to both state and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) and its negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, Columbus has experienced an increase in violent crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Cure Violence Columbus is a grassroots movement started by local community partners with a sole mission to address the violence epidemic afflicting the marginalized and low-income communities in Columbus.

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

That the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to extend the Subrecipient Agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative to address community violence exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic to March 31, 2024.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 13th day of June 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____

Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor