

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Subrecipient Agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley for Poverty Reduction Initiative Columbus
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a subrecipient agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to fund the Poverty Reduction Initiative for an award amount up to \$400,000 to address the poverty rate in Columbus.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a subrecipient agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to fund the Poverty Reduction Initiative for an award amount up to \$400,000 to address the poverty rate in Columbus.

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' poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the Georgia Poverty Rate and almost 100% higher than the United States Poverty Rate, the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley proposed the creation of a position to lead all area poverty reduction efforts. The Poverty Reduction Initiative is charged with a 10-year goal of reducing the poverty rate in Columbus by 50%.

Analysis: Successful outcomes of the program will reduce the poverty rate and lead a broader poverty reduction plan. The position will form strategic relationships and create a 10-year actionable strategic plan.

Financial Considerations: The award amount for this grant is \$400,000.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a subrecipient agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to fund the Poverty Reduction Initiative for an award amount up to \$400,000 to address the poverty rate in Columbus.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED WAY OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY TO FUND THE POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVE FOR AN AWARD AMOUNT UP TO \$400,000.00 TO ADDRESS THE POVERTY RATE IN COLUMBUS.

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’ poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the State of Georgia and almost 100% higher than the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Poverty Reduction Initiative is an effort to create strategic relationships and develop a 10-year actionable plan.

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

That the execution of a Subrecipient Agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to fund the Poverty Reduction Initiative to address the poverty rate in Columbus.

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