

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding - Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Background: The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) has allocated \$3,000,000 to assist low-income households alleviate the cost burden of lower income households and improve their quality of life. This assistance targets the costs of necessary home repairs and necessary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to residential dwellings.

The primary objective of the City of Columbus American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program is to extend support to vulnerable low-income households by addressing their immediate needs to preserve affordable housing in response to the challenges posed by the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. administers a Continuing Hope Critical Home Repair Program to help residents improve the place they call home to City of Columbus residents. The Continuing Hope Critical Repair Program is no longer taking applications due to the overabundance of need in our community. As of 2024 CCG wishes to partner with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to assist with the administration of the Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program to ensure the alleviation of cost burden to lower income households within our community. With that, the city would like to partner with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to provide administration of the grant program.

Analysis: Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. will assist CCG with the administration of the Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program utilizing ARP funding.

Financial Considerations: The City has allocated \$3 Million from the American Rescue Plan for the grant program.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COLUMBUS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT HOMEOWNER ACCESSIBILITY REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

WHEREAS, the City has created and developed a Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program with funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the City has allocated \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to this home repair and upgrade program; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to engage in programmatic administration of the allocated funds by partnering with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to assist with administering the home repair and ADA upgrade program.

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute the attached memorandum of understanding and appropriate related documents for administering the city’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of ____ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor District 1 voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor