

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY2024 U.S. Literacy Matters Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the U.S. federal government for a Literacy Matters grant in the amount of \$34,000, with no local match required, as to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from the U.S. federal government for a Literacy Matters grant in the amount of \$34,000, with no local match required, as to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded.

**Background:** This grant requires the infusion of the Get Georgia Reading model, which exists to define the conditions that must be in place so that all children, starting at birth, are on a path to reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

**Analysis:** These funds are available to provide resources to Columbus Family Connection to create and enhance childhood literacy efforts within Muscogee County

**Financial Considerations:** The grant amount requested is \$34,000. The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant. Funds will be available for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

**Legal Considerations:** Columbus Family Connection is qualified to apply for funds under this program with council approval. The U.S. federal government is and will continue to be the grantee for this grant.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to submit an application and if approved, accept funds from Get Georgia Reading for a Literacy Matters grant in the amount of 34,000, 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 APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, OF A FEDERAL LITERACY MATTERS GRANT SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN SANFORD BISHOP, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025. THIS FUNDING WILL SUPPORT THE COLUMBUS / MUSCOGEE COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION COLLABORATIVE IN CREATING AND ENHANCING CHILDHOOD LITERACY EFFORTS, AND TO AMEND THE FAMILY CONNECTION FUND 0985 BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, funds have been made available from the federal government for the purpose of creating or enhancing literacy efforts; and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Family Connection will provide framework for measurable results of programs implemented my community initiatives that address the needs and importance of literacy; and,

**WHEREAS**, this process will provide the communication link between agencies to positively impact childhood literacy development for children birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Family Connection will apply for a grant of \$34,000 or as otherwise awarded, with no matching funds required. Funds will be available as the grant application is approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

The authorization and acceptance, if awarded of a grant from the U.S. federal government in the amount of \$34,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for Columbus Family Connection to create or enhance This grant awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and adopted at the said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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 \_\_\_\_\_