

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Maximus, Inc. for Georgia’s Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program of the Bright from the Start program.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for funding and, if awarded, accept a reimbursement amount valued up to approximately \$27,218.00. The funds provide an opportunity to offer expanded and improved support for all students in the Before and After School Programs.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for funding and, if awarded, accept a reimbursement amount valued up to approximately \$27,218.00 or the actual amount awarded. The money provides an opportunity to provide expanded and improved support for all students in the Before and After School Programs.

Background: The program was derived under the Georgia Childcare and Parent Services Program of the Bright from the Start Program. The funding provides an opportunity to offer expanded enrichment opportunities for all students in the Before and After School Programs in Columbus.

Analysis: MAXIMUS, Inc. is a health and human services organization, responsible for management and issuance of payments to CAPS from federal sources.

Financial Considerations: This will be at no cost to the City as it is a reimbursement from federal funds with no matching component.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority for all resolutions.

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to apply for funding and, if awarded, accept a reimbursement amount valued up to approximately \$27,218.00. The grant provides an opportunity to provide expanded and improved learning and support for all students in the Before and After School Programs.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDING AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE MONIES PROVIDED BY MAXIMUS INC FOR THE GEORGIA CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Before and After School Program administered by the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department offers activities to youth; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department Community Schools Division administers the After School Program in 16 locations throughout the city during the school year; and,

WHEREAS, the need for high quality, affordable and wholesome recreational educational, and enrichment activities are offered to participants after school hours; and,

WHEREAS, Bright from the Start distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care through Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS), which supports early education goals by assisting families who are considered low-income with the cost of child care and works collaboratively with Columbus Parks & Receptions Community Schools Division to enhance early care education; and,

WHEREAS, MAXIMUS, Inc. is a health and human services organization and is responsible for the management and issuance of payments to Children and Parent Services (CAPS) providers. These services include orientation document management, invoice processing, attendance recording, and training; and,

WHEREAS, the Division Manager for the Community Schools Division of Columbus Parks and Recreation, Samantha Thies shall serve as the Principal Contact for Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS).

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and if approved accept funding in the amount of \$27,218.00 or the amount awarded for tuition assistance from MAXIMUS, INC. through Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS) of Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning Bright from the Start and amend the Multigovernmental Fund by the amount of the award. These awarded funds will cross over the City's fiscal year 2023 and 2024.

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

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor