

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant, Recreational Trails Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application for a Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant, and if approved, accept funds from the Recreational Trails Program for the Dragonfly Trails
INITIATED BY:	Parks & Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application for a Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant and if approved, accept funds from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the Dragonfly Trails and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$200,000.00. The purpose of the grant program is to support recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The funding will be used for new/updated signage and other trailhead upgrades.

Background: The Recreational Trails Program is a federal grant program funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered at the state level by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of RTP is to support recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments, authorized commissions, and state and federal agencies.

Analysis: This grant will benefit our current Dragonfly Trail Network. The Friends of the Dragonfly Trails will be completing the application with coordination from the Parks & Recreation Department. This funding will be used for new/updated signage and other trailhead upgrades.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount requested is \$200,00.00 for the Dragonfly Trails. The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant. The Friends of the Dragonfly Trail Network will provide the match.

Legal Considerations: City Council is required to approve the submission of an application.

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A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00, OR OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Dragonfly Trails are interested in submitting an application for new/updated signage and other trailhead upgrades; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Dragonfly Trails request permission to apply for the Recreational Trails Program Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus must be the applicant for the grant.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$200,000, or otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Recreational Trails Program with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the applicable amount.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven 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, Mayor