

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Justice Grant for the Muscogee County Jail</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit an application and accept, if awarded, a Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant from the BJA FY 21 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant program in the amount of \$250,000 for jail improvements with a \$125,000 in-kind match requirement.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit an application and accept, if awarded, a Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant from the BJA FY 21 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant program.

**Background:** This grant is available to provide funding that will assist the Muscogee County Jail with badly needed improvements to its locking system, including replacing the locks, adding new food flaps, and upgrading the South Tower controls systems and windows, providing better protection for both inmates and jail personnel. These funds will supplement existing funds budgeted for this work.

**Analysis:** this grant is available to the City through the BJA FY 21 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant program and the Jail has been identified as a potential recipient of this grant award.

**Financial Considerations:** The amount that the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive is \$250,000. There is an in-kind local match requirement of \$125,000, which will be fulfilled using expenditures already budgeted and being implemented for Jail improvements.

**Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement:** The grant will bring in \$250,000 to the Multi-Governmental Fund, with a \$125,000 local in-kind match required, using funds already budgeted for the Jail improvements. The General Fund will not be affected.

**Legal Considerations:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for this grant award with Council approval. Council must approve the application for and acceptance of all grant awards and the City Manager, as Signing Authority, or his designee, must sign all required contracts, reports, and certifications. Upon signing, the City will be obligated to the U.S. Department of Justice to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant contract.

**Recommendation/Actions:** Accept and approve the application and subsequent award of the BJA FY 21 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant in the amount of \$250,000, with an in-kind match requirement of \$125,000 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FY 21 IMPLEMENTING THE PREA STANDARDS, PROTECTING INMATES, AND SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH AN IN-KIND LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT OF \$125,000, WHICH WILL BE FULFILLED BY APPLYING EXPENDITURES ALREADY BUDGETED FOR THE JAIL, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has announced potential competitive grant awards for the BJA FY 21 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant program. This grant will provide funds to assist with the jail lock renovation project, resulting in a safer system of locks for better protection of inmates and jail personnel, and including the addition of new locks, new food flaps, and upgrading the South Tower controls systems and windows; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive \$250,000 in funding with a \$125,000 in-kind local match requirement.

**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 awarded, accept a BJA FY 21 Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities Grant in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$125,000 in-kind local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thompson voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor