

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	The PORCH Project
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) for the operation of the PORCH Project from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded. There is NO MATCH requirement for this program.
INITIATED BY:	Superior Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the operation of the PORCH Project, from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded.

Background: The Department of Health and Human Services has provided funds to provide Naloxone to first responders and those most vulnerable in our community to opioid overdose. The funds are being provided through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to be utilized to operate the PORCH project at the rate of \$500,000 annually for 4 years.

Analysis: The PORCH Project is requesting a grant of \$2,000,000 from SAMHSA to operate the PORCH Project for a period of 48 months.

Financial Considerations: There is NO match requirement for this funding.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be required to continue this program when the grant funds have been expended.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and if approved, accept funds from SAMHSA for the operation of the PORCH Project, from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AND IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$2,000,000 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO FUND THE PORCH PROJECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 WITH NO MATCH REQUIREMENT AND ALSO AUTHORIZING DR. ANDREW COX AS THE SOLE PROVIDER FOR EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AWARD AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to the PORCH Project for a 48 month period beginning October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, funds are being made available to provide support for the operation of the PORCH Project for FY22-26; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from SAMHSA to fund the First Responders – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Support Services Act Grant is accepting grant requests from jurisdictions throughout the country; We are requesting to partner with New Horizons Behavioral Health on the expansion of this program and Emergent Devices Inc for the purchase of NARCAN, and Dr. Andrew Cox for our programmatic evaluations,

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for this funding.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund the Porch Project and if awarded accept \$2,000,000 to provide funding from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027 and authorize a sole source contract to New Horizons Behavioral Health, Emergent Devices Inc and Dr. Andrew Cox and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award.

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 House voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Cogel voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor