

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Juvenile Accountability Court State Grant Request
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Courts up to \$500,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
INITIATED BY:	Juvenile Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court up to \$500,000, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Background: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is charged with the fiscal oversight of all Georgia Accountability Court Grant Programs.

Analysis: Muscogee County Juvenile Accountability Courts is requesting funds for personnel, treatment, and operations for the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Courts.

Financial Considerations: The City is required to provide a 12% cash match to participate in this grant program. Cash match is available through a case manager's salary in the Juvenile Court departmental budget and DATE funds.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds for personnel and operations for the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Court.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Recommendation/Action: Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and if approved, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Court from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$500,000 or as otherwise awarded.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A GRANT TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY JUVENILE AND FAMILY DRUG COURTS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00 AND IF AWARDED, AMENDED THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. THERE IS A 12% LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND THE GRANT PERIOD IS FROM July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Juvenile Drug Court from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the funds are being made available to provide support for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council requires a 12% cash match and cash match is available through public defender and guardian ad litem allocations in the Juvenile Court departmental budget and DATE funds allocations.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application for a grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile and Family Drug Court and, if awarded, accept a grant for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with a 12% local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor