

Columbus Consolidated Government

Council Meeting

9/22/2026

Agenda Report # ____

TO: Mayor and Council

SUBJECT: Open Door Community House

INITIATED BY: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a one-year contract with Open Door to award funding for Crime Prevention initiatives.

Background: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has agreed to recommend the funding of \$15,000.00 to Open Door to help implement the Mathews Promise Academy. The Mathews Promise Academy is an afterschool and summer program for children and youth ages 5-17. The Academy provides a safe and structured program and intentionally focuses on academic and social development to empower impoverished children and youth as an alternative to criminal activity and to break the cycle of generational poverty.

Analysis: Funds will be used to pay for quality programming as well as education for at risk individuals.

Financial Considerations: These funds are appropriated from the Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program and do not require a match.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract with Open Door to provide funding for the Mathews Promise Academy.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR \$15,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE INITIATIVES OF OPEN DOOR.

WHEREAS, Open Door has the Mathews Promise Academy to impact the lives of at impoverished children and youth and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has authorized funding under the Crime Prevention Program for this project in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Mathews Promise Academy.

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract through the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention with Open Door for \$15,000.00 for funding the Mathews Promise Academy. Funds are budgeted in the FY27 budget: Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 22nd day of September, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting_____.
- Councilor Crabb voting_____.
- Councilor Barnes voting_____.
- Councilor Davis voting_____.
- Councilor Chambers voting_____.
- Councilor Huff voting_____.
- Councilor Garrett voting_____.
- Councilor Tucker voting_____.
- Councilor Cook voting_____.
- Councilor Cogle voting_____.

LINDSEY MCLEMORE
CLERK

SKIP HENDERSON
MAYOR