

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2023 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$130,159.00 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with GDOT. A ten percent match from the City is required.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$130,159.00 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with GDOT. A ten percent match from the City is required.

Background: The city has been applying for capital, planning, and operating grants to the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation since 1972. The Federal Transit Administration Grants are funded in the following manner.

	CAPITAL	PLANNING	OPERATING
State 5303	0%	90%	0%
Local 5303	0%	10%	0%

The Georgia Department of Transportation provides planning assistance in the amount of 10% of the total planning grants to the Federal Transit Administration. The city government has provided the required match on grants to FTA and GDOT since 1972. Funding from GDOT may be curtailed based on State Budget issues.

Analysis:

**Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5303
(Formerly Section 8)**

GRANT 5303	GDOT	CITY	FTA	TOTAL
PLANNING	\$130,159.00	\$14,462.00	\$0	\$144,621.00

Financial Considerations: If the City does not apply for the grants, Columbus would be turning down \$130,159.00 in state funds to support public transportation in our local community. A ten percent match from the City is required.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: These planning funds are designated for the Columbus, Metra Transit office for the performance of transit planning activities.

Legal Considerations: The intent to apply for a Federal Transit Grant listing the program of projects must be advertised in the local paper. A resolution must be submitted with the application from the City Council authorizing application for a grant, authorizing the City Manager to accept the grant and enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Recommendations/Actions: Authorize a resolution to approve the City to submit an application for planning from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the total amount of \$130,159.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to accept the grant, if approved, and enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation. A ten percent match from the City is required.

A RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNDER TITLE 49 U.S.C., SECTION 5303.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the US Department of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2023 UPWP indicates the amount of the Section 5303 funds and the state share by the Georgia Department of Transportation as \$130,159.00; and,

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision of the City share of the project costs, \$14,462.00; and,

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under Title 49 U.S.C. the Applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements there under; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that Minority Business Enterprise (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

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

(1)

That the City Manager or his designee, herein referred to as the Official, are authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the financing of a technical study grant to implement specific items of the FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program;

(2)

That the Official is authorized to execute and file with such application and assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of this grant;

(3)

That the Official is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application or the project;

(4)

That the Official is authorized to set forth and execute Minority Business Enterprise, DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) and WBE (Women Business Enterprise) policies and procedures in connection with the project's procurement needs; and,

(5)

That the Official is authorized to execute a grant agreement on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia with the Georgia Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of a technical study grant to implement specific items of the Columbus, Georgia Unified Planning Work Program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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 Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor