

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Cares Act Departmental Funding Requests</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested by resolution to authorize various departmental purchases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with public health recommendations as a measure to prevent and/or reduce the spread of COVID-19 amongst the workforce and throughout the community.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested by resolution to authorize various departmental purchases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Background:** The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. This economic relief package was over \$2 trillion, and it was intended to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The State of Georgia received \$1.23 billion for local governments, with \$34 million being allocated to Columbus. Unfortunately, only 30% of the allotted amount was actually received from the State, which was \$10.2 million, when the state made the decision to not award any additional CARES Act funds to local governments.

**Analysis:** The City intends to continue its efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 by utilizing its Phase 1 funding allocation to purchase various items that will promote social distancing, improve sanitation efforts at various facilities, and provide personal protective equipment.

**Financial Considerations:** \$1.6 million of the City's \$10.2 million CARES Act funding allocation can be used to purchase these much-needed items. This is addition to \$3.5 million in unreimbursed obligations thus leaving balance of \$5.1 million to be reserved for future needs.

**Legal Considerations:** Council approval is requested to formally ratify the attached list of items to be purchased.

**Recommendations/Actions:** Approve a resolution to authorize various departmental purchases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENTS TO PURCHASE VARIOUS ITEMS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS AS A MEASURE TO PREVENT AND/OR REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AMONGST THE WORKFORCE AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. This economic relief package was over \$2 trillion, and it was intended to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City received \$10.2 million as Phase 1 Funding from the State to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to continue its efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 by utilizing funding from the Phase 1 allocation to purchase various items that will promote social distancing, improve sanitation efforts at various facilities, and provide personal protective equipment.

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

That the attached CARES Act Departmental Funding Request List is hereby approved.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2020 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 Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor