

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	GRANTS MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested by resolution to update the City's Grants Management Policy. Revisions to the current policy are needed in order to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal rules and regulations pertaining to grants administration and oversight. Minor policy revisions include requiring pay plan classifications for all grant funded positions, prohibition of pay supplements using grant funds, and allowing adopted pay increases as approved by Council if grant funding is available.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested by resolution to update the City's Grants Management Policy.

Background: Although the City's current Grants Management Policy was established in accordance with Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practices, minor revisions to the current policy are needed in order to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal rules and/or regulations pertaining to grants administration and oversight. Some of the policy revisions includes requiring pay plan classifications for all grant funded positions, prohibition of pay supplements using grant funds, and allowing adopted pay increases as approved by Council if grant funding is available.

Analysis: Grants are an important source of funding for governments, but this funding typically comes with special requirements that each recipient must follow. Such requirements can apply to the general operations of the grant, specific compliance rules, monitoring of other parties that may receive resources from the grants, specific time frame, and specialized reporting requirements.

Financial Considerations: The City may become fiscally responsible for the administration of grant programs that fail to meet all of the grant requirements. Revisions to the current policy provides more guidance to staff as it relates to associated operating procedures and personnel policies and processes for all applicable grants.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is requested to formally revise this fiscal policy.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve a resolution to update the City's Grants Management Policy.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION REVISING THE CURRENT GRANTS MANAGEMENT POLICY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT;

WHEREAS, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practices recommends establishing an effective Grants Management Policy that provides written guidelines and steps to take prior to applying for or accepting grants; and,

WHEREAS, Grants are an important source of funding for governments that typically comes with special requirements that each recipient must follow; and,

WHEREAS, Such requirements can apply to the general operations of the grant, specific compliance rules, monitoring of other parties that may receive resources from the grants, specific time frame, and specialized reporting requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Revisions to the current policy provides more guidance to staff as it relates to associated operating procedures and personnel policies and processes for all applicable grants.

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

That the attached Grants Management Policy is hereby adopted.

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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor