

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	American Rescue Plan – Public Safety Project Reallocation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the reallocation of available American Rescue Plan funding to the Fire/EMS Department for one ambulance and Fire/EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program for \$545,145.90 and Columbus Police Department IBIS overage for \$7,297 and Columbus Police Department equipment for \$292,703.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the reallocation of available American Rescue Plan funding to the Fire/EMS Department for one ambulance and Fire/EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program for \$545,145.90 and Columbus Police Department IBIS overage for \$7,297 and Columbus Police Department equipment for \$292,703.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It was \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local governments. The amount allocated to the City of Columbus/Muscogee County was \$78,482,038. The initial allocation is 50% or \$39,241,019. This amount includes the city allocation of \$20,228,102.50 received on June 7, 2021, and the county allocation of \$19,012,916.50 received on June 14, 2021. The second allocation is \$39,241,019. The amount includes the city allocation of \$20,228,102.50 received on June 9, 2022, and the county allocation of \$19,012,916.50 received on June 16, 2022.

Analysis: The U. S. Treasury issued a Final Rule (IFR) on January 6, 2022, which outlines how the eligible uses of the funds under the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Eligible costs must be incurred between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. The eligible uses include responding to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, responding to working performing essential work, revenue replacement for the government, and investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. The following projects were not implemented and are available for reallocation to eligible projects:

- Gun Buyback Program = \$300k
 - Reallocate to Columbus Police Department IBIS overage \$7,297
 - Reallocate to Columbus Police Department Equipment \$292,703
- Mental Health Training/Intervention = \$545,145.90
 - Reallocate to one ambulance and Fire/EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program

Financial Considerations: Available funding remains in projects that were not implemented and need to be reallocated to eligible projects.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the reallocation of available American Rescue Plan funding to the Fire/EMS Department for one ambulance and Fire/EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program for \$545,145.90 and Columbus Police Department IBIS overage for \$7,297 and Columbus Police Department equipment for \$292,703.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic was funded; and,

WHEREAS, local and state governments were allocated funding through the ARP; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government was allocation \$78,482,038 of which \$40,456,205 is the city allocation and \$38,025,833 is the county; and,

WHEREAS, the CCG has identified the following funding available from projects that were not implemented:

- Mental Health Training/Intervention = \$545,145.90
- Gun Buyback Program = \$300k

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

To authorize the reallocation of available American Rescue Plan funding to the Fire/EMS Department for one ambulance and Fire/EMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program for \$545,145.90 and Columbus Police Department IBIS overage for \$7,297 and Columbus Police Department equipment for \$292,703.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ 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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor