

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Integrated Waste Recycling Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit and accept grant funding from the Recycling Partnership in the amount of \$90,000 with no match from the city for the implementation of educational and outreach efforts with the goal of improving and enhancing our residential curbside recycling program.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit and accept grant funding from the Recycling Partnership in the amount of \$90,000 with no match from the city for the implementation of educational and outreach efforts with the goal of improving and enhancing our residential curbside recycling program.

Background: The Recycling Partnership seeks to offer funding to assist municipalities with implementing educational and outreach programs that will improve our residential recycling program and increase the number of households that opt-in to recycling services.

Analysis: The Department of Public Works researched and found available grant funding offered through The Recycling Partnership in the amount of \$90,000. The grant is an education and outreach grant without a matching requirement.

Financial Considerations: None, no matching funds required. The grant request will be for \$90,000, based on our current educational and outreach programs. Additional “in-kind” services of up to \$125,000 will also be offered in addition to this grant funding. These services include but are not limited to access to Recycling Partnership staff, technical support for strategic planning, program assessment, measurement activities, and recycling education and outreach, including graphic design customization.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive the grant funding offered by The Recycling Partnership without any matching funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for the grant funding and accept if awarded.

**RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND GROW OUR COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desires to provide citizens with the opportunity to opt-in our recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the assurance of citizens participating in our residential curbside recycling program allows the CCG the opportunity to reduce the amount of waste going into the Pinegrove Landfill which is critical to extending the life of this landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling Partnership a private non-profit entity is granting funds without any matching requirement to enhance and invest in local communities recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available to support Columbus Consolidated Government's Waste Diversion program; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling Partnership has been identified as a partner for waste diversion and recycling for communities seeking to expand their recycling programs; and

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

The City Manager is authorized to apply for grant funds and if awarded accept these funds from The Recycling Partnership to support the cost of implementing an educational and outreach program to enhance our curbside residential recycling program.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begley voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

