Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Integrated Waste SERDC Infrastructure Recycling Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the (SERDC) Southeast Recycling Development Council in the amount of \$25,540.75 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, for the purchase of recycling carts and for educational campaign materials.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant from the (SERDC) Southeast Recycling Development Council in the amount of \$25,540.75, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to assist in the purchasing of recycling carts and for educational campaign materials.

<u>Background:</u> The SERDC seeks to offer funding to assist municipalities with the purchasing of recycling carts and to assist with education and outreach.

<u>Analysis:</u> The Department of Public Works researched and found available grant funding offered through the SERDC in the amount of \$25,540.75. The grant is to assist with the purchasing of recycling carts as well as to assist with education and outreach and no local match requirement.

<u>Financial Considerations</u>: None, no matching funds required. The grant is for \$25,540.75 to purchase recycling carts and to assist with education and outreach. These services include but are not limited to access to SERDC. The Grantee will have access to support resources, including SERDC staff time and other in-kind services, with an estimated value of \$8,000.

<u>Legal Considerations:</u> The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive the grant funding offered by The SERDC without matching funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant from the (SERDC) Southeast Recycling Development Council in the amount of \$25,540.75, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to assist in the purchasing of recycling carts and for educational campaign materials.

RESOLUTION NO.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE SOUTHEAST RECYCLING DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,540.75, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, FOR THE PURCHASING OF RECYCLING CARTS AND TO ASSIST WITH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.

WHEREAS, The city of Columbus is constantly growing, and where the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desires to provide citizens with the opportunity to opt-in to 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 Southeast Recycling Development Council, 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 the Columbus Consolidated Government's Waste Diversion and Recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Recycling Development Council has been identified as a partner for waste diversion and recycling programs for communities seeking to expand and or improve its recycling programs; and

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

Authorization is given to apply for grant funds and, if awarded, accept these funds from The SERDC Southeast Recycling Development Council to support the cost of purchasing recycling carts as well as assist with education and outreach.

Introduced at a regular m	neeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _	day
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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