

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.
INITIATED BY:	Juvenile Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Background: Funds have been appropriated to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the purpose of providing evidence-based therapeutic interventions in the community serving medium to high-risk juvenile offenders who would otherwise be committed to the Department of Juvenile and/or sent to a short-term secure facility.

Analysis: Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds to provide evidence-based treatment, specially Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Mult-Systemic Therapy (MST) to juvenile offenders.

Financial Considerations: The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant program.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: There will be no additional expenses.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC.to serve as the managing entity of the evidence-based treatment services.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A GRANT TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH EVIDENCE-BASED ASSOCIATES, LLC. THE GRANT PERIOD IS FROM JULY 1, 2025- JUNE 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of up to \$750,000 have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Juvenile Court from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the funds are being made available to provide evidence-based treatment for medium to high-risk juvenile offenders who would otherwise be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice or detained in a short-term secure facility

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application for a grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept a grant for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 for up to \$750,000 with no local match requirement , to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award, and enter into contract with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. upon acceptance of the grant award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor