

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program funds will be used for enhancing peer support, training, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness initiatives.

Analysis: These funds are available through the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for, receive, and expend these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$250,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FY 2026 COPS LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR ENHANCING PEER SUPPORT, TRAINING, SUICIDE PREVENTION, STRESS REDUCTION, CLINICAL SUPPORT, AND OTHER PROMISING PRACTICES FOR WELLNESS INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program to apply for \$250,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office (DOJ)/ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized for enhancing peer support, training, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, programs may serve sworn law enforcement, civilian staff, and families of agency members; and,

WHEREAS, this program is to provide funding to law enforcement agencies that have current wellness programs in place and are seeking to enhance or expand upon those existing wellness programs; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project;

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

That the Mayor or their designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 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 G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor