

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Hazard Mitigation Grant – Four Emergency Shelters
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.
INITIATED BY:	Homeland Security Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.

Background: In an effort to provide backup power to the four designated American Red Cross Shelters in Columbus/Muscogee County, this grant, if approved, will provide 75% of the cost of the purchase and installation of the generators. The grant is through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security and is funded by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as a result of declared disasters in the State of Georgia.

Analysis: The four designated locations are CCG Parks and Recreation supercenters, and they do not currently have generators. Placing a generator at each location will help ensure that the facilities may be used as shelter locations without loss of power.

Financial Considerations: This grant, if approved, will provide 75% of the total project cost, and the Columbus Consolidated Government will need to provide a 25% match.

Legal Considerations: None known.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$618,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR FULL-SERVICE GENERATORS AT FOUR CCG PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES FOR USE AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,500.00 AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, this grant will allow Columbus Consolidated Government to purchase and have installed four full-service generators at four of the Columbus Consolidated Government's Parks and Recreation supercenters for use as emergency shelters, typically operated by the American Red Cross by an approved agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will work closely with Parks and Recreation, Facilities, GEMA, and any contractors to ensure the generators are purchased, installed, and maintained; and,

WHEREAS, the local match of 5% totaling \$154,500.00 will be paid out of the budget of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at the time of the grant award.

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a hazard mitigation grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$154,500.00, and amend the multi-governmental fund budget by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____day
of _____, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said
Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Cook voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor