

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program
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 DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, 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 DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program will be utilized to support law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations; combatting violent crime; supporting services to American citizens; protecting American children; and supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Analysis: These funds are available through the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization 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 application for, acceptance, and expenditure of these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, 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 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$300,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED. DOJ FY 2026 NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION (NIBIN) MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS (INCLUDING IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS; COMBATTING VIOLENT CRIME; SUPPORTING SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS; PROTECTING AMERICAN CHILDREN; AND SUPPORTING AMERICAN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program, to apply for \$300,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ)/ Office of Justice Programs (OJP); and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to support law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations; combatting violent crime; supporting services to American citizens; protecting American children; and supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, this program will modernize NIBIN technology at 194 existing sites currently utilizing outdated technology; 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, DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multigovernmental 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