

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, 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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds will be used to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, 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 OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$500,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 SAFER OUTCOMES: ENHANCING DE-ESCALATION AND CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT – SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO PROMOTE SAFE OUTCOMES DURING POLICE ENCOUNTERS WITH PERSONS IN CRISIS THROUGH RELEVANT TRAINING.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. to apply for \$500,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training For Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies Grant application; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training; and,

WHEREAS, funding will provide state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies with the resources they need to secure, deliver, and assess quality de-escalation and crisis response training; and,

WHEREAS, for purposes of this funding opportunity, the term “de-escalation” means taking action or communicating verbally or non-verbally during a potential force encounter in an attempt to stabilize the situation and reduce the immediacy of the threat so that more time, options, and resources can be called upon to resolve the situation without the use of force or with a reduction in the force necessary.; 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 his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation And Crisis Response Training For Law Enforcement – Support For Law Enforcement Agencies Grant application, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$500,000, 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 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 G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor