

**Columbus Consolidated Government Council  
Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FEMA Fire Prevention &amp; Safety Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.

**Background:** The Columbus Fire & EMS Department is seeking to apply for a FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) grant to conduct a comprehensive wildfire community risk analysis and to develop a Wildfire Community Protection Plan (CWPP). While the Chattahoochee Valley region has historically faced limited wildfire activity, changing climate patterns, expanding urban-wildland interface zones, and increasing frequency of severe weather events are elevating our community's vulnerability to wildland fires. This project will enable us to assess current wildfire risks, identify at-risk populations and critical infrastructure, and engage community stakeholders in the development of actionable strategies to enhance preparedness, mitigation, and public education. The CWPP will serve as a blueprint for targeted investments, operational readiness, and collaborative partnerships designed to protect lives, property, and natural resources in the years ahead.

**Analysis:** In Muscogee County, there are over 1,300 structures in the wildland urban interface, with over 47,000 structures in the ember zone, and nearly three thousand structures in the ignition zone. However, there are currently no local plans or resources identified to mitigate a wildfire risk.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant is for money towards a comprehensive risk analysis of the wildfire threat and the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan with no matching funds required

**Legal Considerations:** The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these funds.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.

The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE RISK ANALYSIS OF THE WILDFIRE THREAT IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN FOR \$250,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE FEMA FIRE PROTECTION & SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds for a wildfire community risk analysis for Muscogee County for a total of \$250,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the risk analysis will aid in the development of a Muscogee County Wildfire Protection Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan will provide the basis for community education and the development of wildfire mitigation strategies; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal will require no matching funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the FEMA Fire Protection & Safety grant program application for a community risk analysis and development of a Muscogee County Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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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	_____

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Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor