

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Violent Crime Prevention Grant Application</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	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) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Muscogee County Sheriff's Office</b>

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**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) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, 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 combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities.

**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) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, 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 \$175,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS - VIOLENT CRIME PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATION, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO COMBAT PRESSING ISSUES SUCH AS STREET GANG VIOLENCE, GUN VIOLENCE, ENFORCEMENT OF GUN LAWS, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENGAGEMENT, CHILD TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.**

**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 \$175,000.00 of grant monies; and,

**WHEREAS**, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Violent Crime Prevention grant application; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds are utilized to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds will support crime-fighting efforts through the utilization of technology, software, supplies, training, etc.; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds will support the demonstration of innovative, data-driven approaches and a commitment to community-based solutions to improve public safety and reduce violent crime rates; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds will aid with the implementation of demonstration or pilot projects with creative methods for combatting violent crime that include quantitative measures of success; 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 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Violent Crime Prevention grant application, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

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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