

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Application
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) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, 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) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: LEMHWA funds will be used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

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 improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training,

family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, 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 \$200,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL AID IN IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF AND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FOR MCSO SWORN AND CIVILIAN STAFF THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PEER SUPPORT, TRAINING, FAMILY RESOURCES, SUICIDE PREVENTION, AND OTHER PROMISING PRACTICES FOR WELLNESS PROGRAMS.

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 \$200,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects; and,

WHEREAS, LEMHWA funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs; and,

WHEREAS, funds will increase MCSO's capacity to provide mental health and wellness training and resources for employees and their families; and,

WHEREAS, funds will increase MCSO's capacity to implement peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, funds will increase MCSO's capacity to address and reduce the stigma associated with officer mental health and wellness by supporting the implementation of mental health education and development of resources; 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, a LEMHWA grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$200,000, 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