

**Columbus Consolidated Government Council
Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

Background: Funds have been allocated through the 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant Program to support the replacement of equipment and enhancement of training associated with our in-house EMT program. This program plays a critical role in maintaining the readiness and capability of our EMS personnel to effectively respond to medical emergencies throughout Columbus and the surrounding region. Our EMT program provides essential emergency medical services, including patient assessment, stabilization, and life-saving interventions. Maintaining up-to-date equipment and ensuring proper training are crucial to sustaining operational readiness and providing high-quality care to residents in need.

Analysis: The state is providing funds to replace essential equipment and strengthen training efforts within our EMT program, supporting overall EMS operational effectiveness.

Financial Considerations: The grant **provides \$12,000.00 with no matching funds required.**

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

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**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION EMT GRANT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT OUR EMS PROGRAMS, WHICH PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBUS AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Georgia Trauma Commission to receive funding in support of our in-house EMT program; and,

WHEREAS, the replacement of aging equipment and continuing education supported through this grant will greatly enhance the effectiveness, readiness, and reliability of our EMS operations; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated through the 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment and program support funded through this grant will directly strengthen emergency medical response capabilities for Columbus and the surrounding counties; and,

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds; and,

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

- 1) That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to accept a \$12,000.00 grant from the 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant Program in support of equipment replacement and EMS program enhancements.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the 8th day of September 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor