

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit and accept grant funding to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Reimbursement of up to five million dollars for both a Citizen Drop Off Area and a Biosolids Composting Area.
INITIATED BY:	Public Works

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply and accept grant funding from EPA’s Solid Waste Infrastructure for a Recycling Grant.

Background: The Environmental Protection Agency seeks to offer funding for the needed solid waste infrastructure expansion in the United States to increase Waste Diversion and extend the life of MSW (Pine Grove) Landfill.

Analysis: The Department of Public Works researched and found available grant funding offered through The Environmental Protection Agency. The grant is a reimbursement for the construction of both projects after they have been completed.

Financial Considerations: The Environmental Protection Agency offers grant funding in various amounts to local governments to expand waste diversion infrastructure in the United States. The grant for CCG is up to Five Million dollars for the construction of infrastructure that promotes waste diversion. This is a reimbursement grant funded after the construction has been completed.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive the grant funding offered by The Environmental Protection Agency without any matching funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for the grant funding.

**RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR WASTE DIVERSION AND RECYCLING TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT’S CITIZEN DROP OFF AREA AND COMPOSTING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desires to provide citizens with the opportunity to divert recoverable materials from the Pine Grove Landfill;

WHEREAS, the ability to provide citizens with the ability to compost and dispose of their waste safely is critical to the extension of Pine Grove Landfill’s life;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is granting funds without any matching funds to deliver needed waste diversion infrastructure in the United States to increase material recovery;

WHEREAS, grant funding is available to support Columbus Consolidated Government’s Waste Diversion program;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has been identified as a partner for waste diversion infrastructure for communities seeking to expand their solid waste infrastructure and programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager is authorized to apply for grant funds from The Environmental Protection Agency to reimburse the costs for the construction and expansion of Columbus Consolidated Government’s composting and drop off areas.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.

