

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for a grant in the amount of \$347,333.68 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$315,757.89 funded through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and a 10% local match of \$31,575.79 required with amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to apply for accept if awarded a grant application in the amount of \$347,333.68; with \$315,757.89 funded through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with a 10% match of \$31,575.79 paid by Columbus Fire and EMS. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Background: Funds will be requested from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of new fitness equipment for the departments 14 stations and training division. Firefighting is physically demanding career; it is incumbent upon the department to provide this fitness equipment for personnel to maintain fitness levels and reduce injury.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of: (16) Commercial Rower, (16) Jacobs Ladder 2, (16) Commercial Elliptical, (16) Cast Iron Kettlebell Set, (16) Rubber Hex Dumbbell Set w/Rack, (16) Rubber Grip Weights Plates, (16) Power Rack w/Accessories, (16) Additional Collars, (16) Medicine Ball Set, (16) Medicine Ball Rack, (16) Wall Ball 10# (16) Wall ball 20#, (32) Ab Mats (34) Weighted Vest 20#, (1100) Gym Flooring (rubber interlocking), Assembly and Installation, Shipping and Handling, IAFF/IAFC Peer Fitness Training for 9 personnel.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$347,333.68, \$315,757.89 will be grant funded with 10% matching funds of \$31,575.79 being paid by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

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

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant request for equipment totaling \$347,333.68 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Grant funding will be in the amount of \$315,757.89 with Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services paying the 10% match of \$31,575.89. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$347,333.68, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT. FUNDS WITH COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PAYING THE 10% MATCH OF \$31,575.79. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for equipment amounting to a total of \$347,333.68. The amount of \$315,757.89 funded through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$31,575.79 matching funds paid by Columbus Fire and EMS,

WHEREAS, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will provide standardized fitness equipment to all stations and training in an effort to maintain personnel fitness levels and reduce workplace injuries,

WHEREAS, the equipment will be utilized by personnel on shift to engage in physical fitness training to maintain fitness levels to provide the best possible service to the citizens of Columbus,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires 10% matching funds totaling \$31,575.79,

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

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for fitness equipment for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$347,333.68 with \$315,757.89 paid through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant and a 10% match of \$31,575.79 paid by Columbus Fire and EMS, or as otherwise awarded.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the _____ day of ____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said 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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor