

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Grant for Design Guideline Updates
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and to accept, if awarded, a Georgia Department of Community Affairs grant award in the amount of \$25,000 with the 40% required match supplied by Historic Columbus and Uptown Columbus for the purpose of updating the design guidelines for both the Board of Historic and Architectural Review as well as the Uptown Façade Board.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and to accept, if awarded, a Georgia Department of Community Affairs grant award in the amount of \$25,000 with the 40% required match supplied by Historic Columbus and Uptown Columbus for the purpose of updating the design guidelines for both the Board of Historic and Architectural Review as well as the Uptown Façade Board

Background: The Georgia Department of Community Affairs offers Certified Local Governments grants to support local preservation efforts including the update of design guidelines. Regular updates of design guidelines ensures that both applicants and review board members have access to up-to-date resources and guidance when making historic resource preservation decisions. The Uptown Façade Board design guidelines have not been updated since 2000 and the Board of Historic and Architectural Review design guidelines since 2010.

Analysis: Update of the design guidelines for both the Board of Historic and Architectural Review and the Uptown Façade Board would incorporate up-to-date best practices for historic resource preservation in the documents that guide both review board members and applicants in making historic resource preservation decisions.

Financial Considerations: The cost of updating the design guidelines for both the Board of Historic and Architectural Review and the Uptown Façade Board is \$25,000 and will be funded by the Certified Local Government grant with the match being supplied by the Historic Columbus Foundation and Uptown Columbus.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is a Certified Local Government per the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and is authorized to apply for and receive this grant if awarded.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for funds via the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Certified Local Government Grant program to update both the Board of Historic and Architectural Review and Uptown Façade Boards design guidelines and, if authorized, to receive said funds.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 WITH REQUIRED 40% MATCH PAID BY THE HISTORIC COLUMBUS FOUNDATION TO UPDATE THE BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND UPTOWN FAÇADE BOARD DESIGN GUIDELINES.

WHEREAS, The design guidelines for the Board of Historic and Architectural Review have not been updated since 2010 and the Uptown Façade Board's since 2000; and,

WHEREAS, Regular updates of design guidelines ensures that both applicants and review board members have access to up-to-date resources and guidance when making historic resource preservation decisions; and,

WHEREAS, The Georgia Department of Community Affairs offers Certified Local Governments grants to support local preservation efforts including the update of design guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, The Historic Columbus Foundation and Uptown Columbus have agreed to provide the required 40% funding match.

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

That the Council of the Consolidated Government of Columbus hereby authorizes and approves the city manager to apply for and to accept, if awarded, a Georgia Department of Community Affairs grant award in the amount of \$25,000 with a 40% required match supplied by the Historic Columbus Foundation and Uptown Columbus for the purpose of updating the design guidelines for both the Board of Historic and Architectural Review as well as the Uptown Façade Board.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day
of _____ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said
Council.

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor