

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Safe Neighborhoods Program Grant |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested for submission and acceptance, if awarded of a grant from the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program to assist with dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime in the amount of \$79,586.00, 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 submission and acceptance, if awarded of a grant from the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program to assist with dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime in the amount of \$79,586.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: Project Safe Neighborhoods Program (The Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office in coordination with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the US Department of Justice support local initiatives focused on gang and gun violence and crime reduction and sustaining that reduction.) The funding will provide critical resources to county agencies for dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime.

Analysis: The Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for and receive these funds if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for submission and acceptance, if awarded of a grant from the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program to assist with dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime in the amount of \$79,586.00, 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 TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$79,586.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA'S U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program grant funds will be used to provide critical resources to the MCSO to aid with dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime, along with aiding to sustain current capability levels while also addressing potential gaps; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program to apply for \$79,586.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, programs will focus on dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized for the purchase of technology and surveillance equipment; 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 City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Middle District of Georgia's U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods program for funds to assist with dismantling gangs and disrupting violent crime, in the amount of \$79,586.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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 ten members of said Council.

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| Councilor Allen | voting _____. |
| Councilor Chambers | voting _____. |
| Councilor Cogle | voting _____. |
| Councilor Crabb | voting _____. |
| Councilor Davis | voting _____. |
| Councilor Garrett | voting _____. |
| Councilor Hickey | voting _____. |
| Councilor Huff | voting _____. |
| Councilor Thomas | voting _____. |
| Councilor Tucker | voting _____. |

Lindsey McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor