

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Application</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court for evidence-based programming and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Juvenile Court</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court for evidence-based programming and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

**Background:** Funds have been appropriated to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the purpose of providing evidence-based therapeutic interventions in the community serving medium to high-risk juvenile offenders who would otherwise be committed to the Department of Juvenile and/or sent to a short-term secure facility.

**Analysis:** Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds to provide evidence-based treatment, specifically Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Mult-Systemic Therapy (MST) to juvenile offenders.

**Financial Considerations:** The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant program.

**Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement:** There will be no additional expenses.

**Legal Considerations:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC, to serve as the managing entity of the evidence-based treatment services.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds up to \$750,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court for evidence-based programming and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A GRANT TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH EVIDENCE-BASED ASSOCIATES, LLC. THE GRANT PERIOD IS FROM JULY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2027.**

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of up to \$750,000 have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Juvenile Court from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027; and,

**WHEREAS**, the funds are being made available to provide evidence-based treatment for medium-to-risk juvenile offenders who would otherwise be committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice or detained in a short-term secure facility.

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

That the Mayor of his Designee is hereby authorized to submit an application for a grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept a grant for the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027 for up to \$750,000 with no local match requirement, to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award, and enter into contract with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. upon acceptance of the grant award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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

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Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor