

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2025 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant – Fire/EMS
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, for the purchase and maintenance of Hazmat Equipment, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, for the purchase and maintenance of Hazmat Equipment, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required.

Background: Funds have been allocated to the 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase and maintenance of equipment used for the Columbus Fire and EMS regional hazmat team. The team responds to local hazardous materials incidents as well as provides mutual aid and hazardous material response capabilities to multiple jurisdictions outside of Muscogee County.

Analysis: The state is providing the funds for new equipment for the Hazardous Materials Team.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment totaling \$6,000.00, with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program, for the purchase and maintenance of Hazmat Equipment, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY HAZMAT GRANT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EQUIPMENT. THE TEAM RESPONDS TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY AS WELL AS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAINMENT TO INCLUDE CHEMICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL INCIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Governor’s office to fund the Columbus Fire and EMS Hazmat Team; and,

WHEREAS the purchase of new equipment requested in the grant proposal will greatly enhance the current emergency response program; and,

WHEREAS the funds have been allocated through the 2025 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS the equipment will be utilized to respond to hazardous material emergencies in Columbus and the surrounding counties; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires no matching funds

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

- 1) That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to accept a Homeland Security Hazmat Grant of \$6,000.00 from the 2025 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the 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	_____.

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor