

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Firehouse Subs Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

**Background:** Funds will be requested from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached their end of life. The acquisition of thermal imagers through a Firehouse Subs grant will greatly benefit the city of Columbus and the Columbus Fire & EMS department by enhancing firefighter safety, improving rescue operations, and increasing the efficiency of fire suppression efforts. These devices allow firefighters to detect heat sources and locate victims in low-visibility conditions, reducing risks and saving critical time. Additionally, using advanced technology improves resource allocation, reduces operational costs, and strengthens community trust, all while being funded through a grant that spares local budgets. The imagers also enhance training and preparedness for various emergency scenarios.

**Analysis:** Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of six thermal cameras to replace existing thermal cameras that are at end of life

**Financial Considerations:** The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$44,099.94, with no matching funds required.

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

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR SIX THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS FOR COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,099.94, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting approval to apply for and accept if awarded, funds for six thermal imaging cameras amounting to a total of \$44,099.94; and,

**WHEREAS**, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will be used to replace an existing thermal imaging cameras that have reached end of life within Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services; and,

**WHEREAS**, these devices allow firefighters to detect heat sources and locate victims in low-visibility conditions, reducing risks and saving critical time; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal will require no matching funds.

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

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation application for six thermal imaging cameras for \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor