

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$37,500.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to fund the purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) and provide training and certification for drone team members. There are no matching funds required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$37,500.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to fund the purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) and provide training and certification for drone team members. There are no matching funds required.

Background: Funds will be requested from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to fund the purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) and provide training and certification for drone team members. The Fire-EMS Department intends to enhance its rescue and response capabilities by incorporating technological capabilities such as drones. This drone would provide aerial support for firefighting, search and rescue, disaster assessment, and hazardous materials incidents. All drone team members would receive FAA training and licensure appropriate for the program.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of a drone and related training to enhance its rescue and response capabilities.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for training and equipment amounting to a total of \$37,500.00, with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$37,500.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to fund the purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (drone) and provide training and certification for drone team members. There are no matching funds required.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR A DRONE AND RELATED TRAINING FOR COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,500.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS 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 funds for a drone and associated training for a total of \$37,500.00. No matching funds are required; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment and training requested in the grant proposal will be used to provide aerial support for firefighting, search and rescue, disaster assessment, and hazardous materials by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel; and,

WHEREAS, this resource will be of particular value to reduce response times, limit property damage, and reduce risks to both the public and emergency response personnel; 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 Motorola Solutions Foundation application for a drone and related training for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$37,500.00 or as otherwise awarded with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended 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 _____ 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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor