

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2026 Family Connection Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

Background: The Children, Youth and Family Coalition exists to provide Family Connection activities in order to improve child health, including reduced incidences of teenage pregnancy, child abuse, neglect and other risk factors that impact on the well-being of Columbus children, youth, and families. The Columbus Consolidated Government has served as fiscal agent since the inception of the Family Connection program.

Analysis: Funds are available from the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide assistance to the Children, Youth and Family Coalition by providing funds to establish Columbus as a Family Connection Community.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount is \$52,500 but may be lower or higher depending on state budgetary conditions, and may be increased or decreased during the year as allowed or required. No matching funds are required. Funds will be available for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026).

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: There will be no annual fiscal impact to the City with the approval of this request.

Legal Considerations: The City is qualified to apply for funds under this program on behalf of The Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition with Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,500, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, TO SUPPORT THE COLUMBUS/MUSCOGEE COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION COLLABORATIVE FOR IMPROVING CHILD HEALTH AND WELFARE, SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, FAMILY STABILITY, FAMILY ECONOMIC CAPACITY, AND TO REDUCE CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY, AND TO AMEND THE FAMILY CONNECTION PARTNERSHIP FUND (FUND 985) BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Georgia Department of Human Services for the purpose of establishing and continuing Family Connection communities, and the Columbus Consolidated Government has served as fiscal agent for Columbus/Muscogee Family Connection since its inception; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition will provide the collaborative framework for measurable results of programs implemented by community organizations that address the needs of children, youth, and families; and,

WHEREAS, this process will provide the communication link between agencies to impact positively on child abuse, neglect, teenage pregnancy, and high school graduation rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Children, Youth, and Family Coalition will apply for a grant of \$52,500 or as otherwise awarded, and with no matching funds required. Funds will be available from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, to continue Columbus, Georgia as a Family Connection community for improving child health, school performance, family stability, family economic capacity, and to reduce child abuse, neglect and teenage pregnancy.

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 Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Cogle 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