

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	APPROVAL TO SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT AND APPLY FOR FY2021 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 \$50,000, 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:	Finance

Recommendation: Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$50,000, 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 \$50,000, 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 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021).

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.

Recommendations/ Actions: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to submit, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services and continue to serve as fiscal agent.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE 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 \$50,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, 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 \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no matching funds required. Funds will be available from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

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

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 \$50,000, 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 _____ January 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor