

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute subrecipient agreements with Partnership In Caring for Occupational Training, Internships and Retention Services with eligible youth, ages 18 to 24 in the amount of \$154,000.00; Georgia Job T.I.P.S. for Workforce Reintegration, On-the-job training, and Retention Services with Adults, ages 22 and older in the amount of \$220,533.80; Columbus Technical College for Post-Secondary Education and Occupational Skills training with Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth in the amount \$462,000.00; Georgia Driving Academy for eligible individuals interested in Commercial Driver’s Training for Class A drivers licenses in the amount \$48,970.00; and In The Door, LLC, for Work Readiness and On-the-job training with youth, ages 18 to 24 in the amount of \$110,000.00, that are economically disadvantaged individuals residing in Muscogee County for a grand total of \$995,503.80 to combat generational poverty and its effects on the community by providing sustainable employment, career and technical education, training, and support services needed to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers to drive our economy forward.
INITIATED BY:	Job Training Division

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute subrecipient agreements with Partnership In Caring for Occupational Training, Internships and Retention Services with eligible youth, ages 18 to 24; Georgia Job T.I.P.S. for Workforce Reintegration, On-the-job training, and Retention Services with Adults, ages 22 and older; Columbus Technical College for Post-Secondary Education and Occupational Skills training with Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth; Georgia Driving Academy for eligible individuals interested in Commercial Driver’s Training for Class A driver’s licenses; and In The Door, LLC, for Work Readiness and On-the-job training with youth, ages 18 to 24, that are economically disadvantaged individuals residing in Muscogee County for a total of \$995,503.80 to combat generational poverty and its effect on the community by providing sustainable employment, career and technical education, training, and support services needed to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers to drive our economy forward.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This historic legislation was designed to enable all Americans to respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. The plan included emergency funding known as the

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency and its negative economic impact. Columbus' poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the Georgia Poverty Rate and almost 100% higher than the United States Poverty Rate. The Job Training Division in partnership with their contractual partners intends to administer funds specifically through services geared toward assisting disadvantaged citizens who need training to enter or re-enter the labor market, obtain meaningful employment, internships, on-the-job training, career and technical education, and retention services.

Analysis: The occupational training services funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) grant will help qualified participants access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and match employers with the skilled workers while reducing poverty and enhancing their quality of life.

Financial Considerations: The Job Training Division is requesting to be awarded \$995,503.80 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) grant to assist in the continued facilitation of Occupational Training (Internships, Retention Services, Workforce reintegration, On-the-job training, Career and Technical education, and Support services) through existing contractual partners to combat generational poverty and its effect on the community.

Legal Considerations: A resolution from the City Council authorizing the City Manager to execute contract(s)/documentation to implement the proposed occupational and educational skills training services.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize a resolution for approval to execute subrecipient agreements to provide Occupational Training (Internships, Retention Services, Workforce reintegration, On-the-Job training, Career and Technical education and Support services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals in the amount of \$995,503.80, with the Job Training Division as acting administrator.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT(S)/DOCUMENTATION TO IMPLEMENT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING AND RETENTION SERVICES FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (LOW-INCOME) INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$995,503.80 OR OTHERWISE AWARDED TO ADDRESS THE POVERTY LEVEL IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 which provided Fiscal Recovery Funds to both State and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its negative economic impacts; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus' poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the State of Georgia and almost 100% higher than the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Occupational Skills Training and Retention Services are an effort to strengthen economic self-sufficiency by obtaining good jobs that provide family sustaining income (wages) and benefits uplifting and fostering supportive work environments and improving economic growth as well as aiding in the reduction of poverty in Muscogee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

We hereby authorize the city manager to execute contract(s)/documentation to implement occupational/educational training and retention services for economically disadvantaged (low income) individuals residing in Muscogee County in the grand total amount of \$995,503.80 or otherwise awarded to address the poverty level in Muscogee County

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 ten 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