

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Aftermath K9 Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$15,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the Aftermath K9 Grant, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$15,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the Aftermath K9 Grant, with no local match, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the award amount.

Background: For fiscal year 2023, the Columbus Police Departments K9 unit has diminished to one (1) K9 trained in tracking and drug detection of narcotics and one (1) handler. The purpose of this grant is to assist in the creation/ re-creation of the K9 unit and in acquiring additional K9s and handlers.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department will purchase and train additional K9s and handlers in the following areas (including but not limited to): Tracking, Apprehension, and Detection (Drug, Bomb, Cadaver)

Financial Considerations: The grant is for the creation or maintenance of a K9 Unit, and the funds can be utilized for the following reasons, which include but are not limited: Training (both the K9 and handler), the purchase of a new K9, the purchase of new equipment, or the maintenance of existing equipment, veterinary bills, food, etc. amounting of up to \$15,000, with no local match required.

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

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$15,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the Aftermath K9 Grant, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, OR OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE AFTERMATH K9 GRANT PROGRAM WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND (OR APPLICABLE FUND) BY THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department requests approval to submit an application to the Aftermath K9 Grant for funding in the approximate amount of up to \$15,000.00 for the Columbus Police Departments K9 Unit, the details of which are as follows:

- The Aftermath K9 Grant was founded to showcase, support, and reward the unique contributions made by law enforcement and their K9 units across the country.
- The K9 Grant raises safety awareness and community kinship throughout the neighborhoods that our law enforcement serves.
- Funds can be used to further establish K9 units or to create brand-new ones.
- Communities nationwide will determine the top award recipient through popular vote.
- Funding in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 will be awarded.
- Matching funds are not required for this program.
- This Project supports the key intended outcome to enhance public safety and emergency preparedness.

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

That the Columbus Consolidated Government be allowed to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant from the Aftermath K9 Grant program and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 23rd day of May 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
 Councilor Barnes voting _____
 Councilor Begly voting _____
 Councilor Cogle voting _____
 Councilor Crabb voting _____
 Councilor Davis voting _____
 Councilor Garrett voting _____
 Councilor Huff voting _____
 Councilor Thomas voting _____
 Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor