

**Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting
Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2023 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$38,335.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program with amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Hazmat equipment.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$38,335.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Grant Program with amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Hazmat equipment.

Background: Funds have been allocated to the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase and maintenance of equipment used for the Columbus Fire and EMS regional hazmat team. The team responds to local hazardous materials incidents as well as provide mutual aid and hazardous material response capabilities to multiple jurisdictions outside of Muscogee county.

Analysis: The state is providing the funds for new equipment for the Hazardous Materials Team.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$38,335.00 with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant of 38,335.00 from the 2023 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program.

**RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,335.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY HAZMAT GRANT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EQUIPMENT. THE TEAM RESPONDS TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY AS WELL AS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAINMENT TO INCLUDE CHEMICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INCIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Governor’s office to fund the Columbus Fire and EMS Hazmat Team: and,

WHEREAS the purchase of new equipment requested in the grant proposal will greatly enhance the current emergency response program; and,

WHEREAS the funds have been allocated through the 2023 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS the equipment will be utilized to respond to hazardous material emergencies to Columbus and the surrounding counties; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires no matching funds

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

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a Homeland Security Hazmat Grant of \$38,335.00 from the 2023 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

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 Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor