

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2023 Homeland Security GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 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 Rescue equipment.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 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 Rescue equipment.

Background: Funds have been allocated to the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase and maintenance of equipment received as part of the West Central Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) team. This team was formed to improve responses to heavy rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and the surrounding counties. Heavy search and rescue involve the location, rescue extrication, and the initial medical stabilization of the victims trapped in the confined space. The GSAR team is able to respond to incidents across the state under mutual aid, and the goal of the GSAR team is to have a four-hour response capability anywhere in the state.

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

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of 15,000.00 with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 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 Rescue equipment.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY GEORGIA SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW RESCUE EQUIPMENT. HEAVY SEARCH AND RESCUE INVOLVE THE LOCATION, RESCUE EXTRICATION, AND THE INITIAL MEDICAL STABILIZATION OF THE VICTIMS TRAPPED IN THE CONFINED SPACE. THE GSAR TEAM IS ABLE TO RESPOND TO INCIDENTS ACROSS THE STATE UNDER MUTUAL AID, AND THE GOAL OF THE GSAR TEAM IS TO HAVE A FOUR-HOUR RESPONSE CAPABILITY ANYWHERE IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Governor’s office to fund the Columbus Fire and EMS GSAR 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 GSAR Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS the equipment will be utilized to respond to Special Operations Rescue emergencies in 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 GSAR Grant of \$15,000.00 from the 2023 Homeland Security GSAR 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