

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Outdoor Warning Sirens
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant award, in the amount of \$368,809.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase, installation and programming of six additional outdoor warning sirens, compatible with the existing 47 sirens and controls, with a local match requirement of \$92,202.25, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Homeland Security/Emergency Management Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant award, in the amount of \$368,809.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase, installation and programming of six additional outdoor warning sirens, compatible with the existing 47 sirens and controls, with a local match requirement of \$92,202.25, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background:

The 47 outdoor warning sirens in Columbus were initially installed around 2003. The placement of the sirens were based on populated areas, outdoor venues, and more. Although the current 47 sirens are in great working order and received monitored maintenance through a communications contract with Motorola, upon reviewing the locations of the current sirens, it became apparent that additional sirens would be a good idea to mitigate loss of life by covering areas of the city/county that have become more populated and received additional residents/visitors through residential and/or commercial growth.

Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management is requesting to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard mitigation grant through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to purchase and install six new outdoor warning sirens. The new sirens will be added into the same operating system as the current sirens and will also be included on the maintenance contract with Motorola with no additional charge at this time

Analysis:

This purchase is needed to provide better siren coverage in areas that may still hear the sirens but fall outside of the recommended coverage area of an existing siren.

The funds will need to be allocated to the Multi-governmental Fund budget.

Financial Considerations: This is not a budgeted item, and the 25% match would need to be budgeted once the application is approved. The 25% match will need to come from the General Fund.

Legal Considerations: There are no legal considerations known at this time.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant award, in the amount of \$368,809.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase, installation and programming of six additional outdoor warning sirens, compatible with the existing 47 sirens and controls, with a local match requirement of \$92,202.25, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,809.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,202.25 AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management is requesting to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard mitigation grant through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to purchase and install six new outdoor warning sirens; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase is needed to provide better siren coverage in areas that may still hear the sirens but fall outside of the recommended coverage area of an existing siren; and,

WHEREAS, the new sirens will be added into the same operating system as the current sirens and will also be included on the maintenance contract with Motorola with no additional charge at this time.

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

That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a State Homeland Security grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$368,809.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$92,202.25, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Anker voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Hickey voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey G McClemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor