Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	The Recycling Partnership Grant Application
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit the grant application to The Recycling Partnership for reimbursement of up to \$6.00 per recycling cart, totaling \$18,000 for the 3,000 carts purchased to expand the CCG recycling program.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Public Works

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval is requested to apply for grant funding from The Recycling Partnership for cart purchase reimbursement.

Background: The Recycling Partnership seeks to expand access to cart-based recycling collection by converting bin or bag-based curbside recycling collection programs to cart-based collection.

<u>Analysis:</u> The Public Works Department researched and found available grant funding offered through The Recycling Partnership. The grant is a partial reimbursement for the purchase of recycling carts after the carts have been procured. The purpose of the Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant Program is to advance recycling in communities across the United States by offering financial and technical assistance to support the implementation and expansion of cart based curbside recycling.

Financial Considerations: The Recycling Partnership offers grant funding in various amounts to local governments to expand recycling programs. The grant for CCG is up to \$6.00 per cart, totaling \$18,000 for the most recent 3,000 carts purchased. This is a reimbursement grant funded after the carts purchase has been completed.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive the grant funding offered by The Recycling Partnership.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for the grant funding.

A RESOLUTION NO.____

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR RECYCLING CARTS TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT CURBSIDE CART-BASED RECYCLING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) desires to provide citizens with the opportunity to recycle appropriate materials and divert the maximum tonnage of recyclable materials from the Pine Grove landfill; and,

WHEREAS, the supply and availability of appropriate recycling carts is critical to expand access to cart-based recycling collection; and,

WHEREAS, the Recycling Partnership is a national nonprofit organization transforming recycling across America, improving recycling, creating jobs, protecting the environment, and empowering communities; and,

WHEREAS, grant funding is available to support publicly sponsored curbside recycling programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Recycling Partnership has been identified as a partner for cart-based recycling program expansion for communities seeking to expand the recycling program, as well as education and public outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager is authorized to apply for grant funds from The Recycling Partnership to reimburse some of the costs of recycling carts to expand the curbside collection program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 12th day of October 2021, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ______ members of Council.

Councilor Allen voting	·
Councilor Barnes voting	·
Councilor Crabb voting	·
Councilor Davis voting	·
Councilor Garrett voting	·
Councilor House voting	·
Councilor Huff voting	·
Councilor Thomas voting	·
Councilor Tucker voting	·
Councilor Woodson voting	·

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor