

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$6,820 in funding from the 2022 AARP Community Challenge grant program. The funding requires no match. Funding will be utilized for the acquisition of 4 outdoor metal swinging benches to be installed at the METRA Transfer Center within the outdoor courtyard area.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation / METRA Transit System

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$6,820 in funding from the 2022 AARP Community Challenge grant program. The funding requires no match. Funding will be utilized for the acquisition of 4 outdoor metal swinging benches. Each swing set will have a protective wood chip area to prevent injury due to falls. The proposed benches are to be installed at the METRA Transfer Center within the outdoor courtyard area.

Background: The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) began accepting proposals in January for the 2022 Community Challenge grant. METRA submitted a proposal in response for \$6,820 to purchase 4 outdoor metal swinging benches with protective woodchip areas to prevent injury due to falls. The proposed benches are to be installed at the METRA Transfer Center within the outdoor courtyard area.

Analysis: If awarded, the City would receive up to \$6,820 to provide METRA with 4 swinging benches with protective woodchip areas to enhance customer comfort. The swinging benches will be installed at the METRA campus located at 814 Linwood Blvd.

Financial Considerations: There is no match required. Funding is received on a reimbursable basis.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is recommended to accept and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$6,820 in 2022 AARP Community Challenge grant funding.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED UP TO \$6,820 IN FUNDING FROM THE 2022 AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT TO PROCURE 4 OUTDOOR METAL SWINGING BENCHES AT THE METRA TRANSFER CENTER.

WHEREAS, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) offers an annual competitive grant program called the Community Challenge; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Challenge program provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages.; and,

WHEREAS, METRA submitted for consideration a proposal for \$6,820 to procure and install 4 outdoor metal swinging benches with protective wood chip areas for customer use at the METRA Transfer Center; and,

WHEREAS, METRA’s proposal was selected out of 3,200 applications nationwide for funding; and,

WHEREAS, the funding requires no match from the City.

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

The City Manager is authorized to accept, if awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up \$6,820 in 2022 AARP Community Challenge funds.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ June 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said 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, Mayor