

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Subrecipient Agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health for Cure Violence Columbus</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.

**Background:** The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The act funded \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local governments which CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its negative economic impacts. Since Columbus has experienced an increase in violent crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic, alternative initiatives are being considered to reduce violence throughout the community. Cure Violence Columbus is a grassroots movement started by local community partners with a sole mission to address the violence epidemic afflicting the marginalized and low-income communities in Columbus.

**Analysis:** Successful outcomes of the program will reduce community violence.

**Financial Considerations:** The award amount for this grant is \$500,000.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review the agreement and approve as to form prior to execution.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the request to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO FUND THE CURE VIOLENCE COLUMBUS INITIATIVE FOR AN AWARD AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00 TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY VIOLENCE EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11,2021 which provided Fiscal Recovery Funds to both state and local governments; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) and its negative economic impacts; and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus has experienced an increase in violent crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cure Violence Columbus is a grassroots movement started by local community partners with a sole mission to address the violence epidemic afflicting the marginalized and low-income communities in Columbus.

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

That the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute a memorandum of agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative to address community violence exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_ 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor