

Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding with StartUp Columbus, Inc for Small Business, Non-Profit, and Economic/Tourism Grant Program Administration Services</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with StartUp Columbus, Inc. to administer CCG's small business, non-profit, and economic/tourism grant programs funded by American Rescue Plan Act.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a MOU with StartUp Columbus, Inc. to administer CCG's small business, non-profit, and economic/tourism grant programs funded by American Rescue Plan Act.

**Background and Analysis:** The Community Reinvestment Department administered a small business economic relief grant program using the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding secured by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The department partnered with StartUP Columbus and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to administer the grant program that provided assistant to small businesses of Columbus that have negatively been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Financial Considerations:** CCG has allocated \$4.85 million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds to administer the grant programs.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all agreements as to form before execution.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve authorize the execution of a MOU with StartUp Columbus, Inc. to administer CCG's small business, non-profit, and economic/tourism grant programs funded by American Rescue Plan Act.

RESOLUTION

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STARTUP COLUMBUS, INC TO ADMINISTER THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS, NON-PROFIT, AND

ECONOMIC/TOURISM GRANT PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

**WHEREAS**, the City has received funds from the United States Government under H.R.1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has allocated \$4.85 million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds to administer the grant programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to engage StartUp Columbus to assist the City in administering such funds through small business economic relief, nonprofit relief, and hospitality/tourism grant activities.

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute the attached memorandum of understanding and appropriate related documents relative to administering the city’s small business, non-profits, and economic/tourism grant programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B. H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor