

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Amendment to Extend the Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to amend the subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training, and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County (for a total amount of \$995,503 or otherwise awarded Council approved the subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training on August 27, 2024. Request is made for the subaward periods of performance, budget periods, and expenditure reporting periods end date listed in Article II General Award Information; Sec. 15.1 Article XV Term; and Exhibit D Expenditure Reporting Schedule to be extended to September 30, 2026.
INITIATED BY:	Job Training Division

Recommendation: Approval is requested to amend the subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training, and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County (for a total amount of \$995,503 or otherwise awarded. Council approved the subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training on August 27, 2024. Request is made for the subaward periods of performance, budget periods, and expenditure reporting periods end date listed in Article II General Award Information; Sec. 15.1 Article XV Term; and Exhibit D Expenditure Reporting Schedule to be extended to September 30, 2026.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) 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. 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. Columbus' poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the Georgia Poverty Rate and almost 100% higher than the United States Poverty Rate. Job Training Division, therefore, proposes to drive down these statistics by providing occupational skills training through internships, work experience, on-the-job training, and/or post-secondary education and retention services for those hit hardest with economic disadvantages in Muscogee County.

Analysis: Extending the end date to September 30, 2026, will allow for a continued effort to provide opportunities to strengthen self-sufficiency amongst lower-income members of the community through training, certifications, and permanent employment, thus improving economic growth and aiding in the reduction of Muscogee County's poverty levels.

Financial Considerations: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) grant funding remains the same. The net effect is zero.

Legal Considerations: A resolution from the City Council authorizing the mayor to execute amendments to contracts/documentation to extend the proposed occupational skills training services through September 30, 2026.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to amend the subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training, and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County (for a total amount of \$995,503 or otherwise awarded. Council approved the subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training on August 27, 2024. Request is made for the subaward periods of performance, budget periods, and expenditure reporting periods end date listed in Article II General Award Information; Sec. 15.1 Article XV Term; and Exhibit D Expenditure Reporting Schedule to be extended to September 30, 2026.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS/DOCUMENTATION TO CONTINUE OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING AND RETENTION SERVICES FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (LOW-INCOME) INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, TO ADDRESS THE POVERTY LEVEL IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) 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’ poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the State of Georgia and almost 100% higher than the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Occupational Skills Training and Retention Services are an effort to strengthen economic self-sufficiency by obtaining good jobs that provide family-sustaining income (wages) and benefits, uplifting and fostering supportive work environments, and improving economic growth as well as aiding in the reduction of poverty in Muscogee County.

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

We hereby authorize the mayor to execute amendments to contract(s)/documentation to continue occupational training and retention services for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County through September 30, 2026, to address the poverty level in Muscogee County.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2025 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. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor