

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$1,170,664.55 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. If awarded, a 10% local match of \$117,066.45 will be required in the FY 2022 budget with amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount. Funds will be requested from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of (166) Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus (SCBA) (includes - harness, face piece, and 2-4500 air cylinders), (199) additional face pieces, (147) ID tags, (2) tag reader, (142) rechargeable batteries, and (26) six-bay battery chargers.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$1,170,664.55 from with a 10% match of \$117,066.45 to be requested in the FY 2022 budget. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Background: Funds will be requested from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of (166) Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus (SCBA) (includes - harness, face piece, and 2-4500 air cylinders), (199) additional face pieces, (147) ID tags, (2) tag reader, (142) rechargeable batteries, and (26) six-bay battery chargers. SCBA will be used to replace all existing inventory due to age, wear, failure, and non-compliance with NFPA 1981 (2018) standards. The department is seeking uniformity with SCBA inventory to ensure consistency in training, field operations, annual Posichек testing, and repair. A safe and reliable SCBA is critical when operating in any Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) environment.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of (166) Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus (SCBA) (includes - harness, face piece, and 2-4500 air cylinders), (199) additional face pieces, (147) ID tags, (2) tag reader, (142) rechargeable batteries, and (26) six-bay battery chargers.

Financial Considerations: The total cost for the equipment is \$1,287,731.00 of which \$1,170,664.55 will be grant funded with 10% matching funds of \$117,066.45 being paid by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these funds.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to apply and accept if awarded a grant request for equipment totaling \$1,287,731.00 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Grant funding will be in the amount of \$1,177,664.55 with Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services paying the 10% match of \$117,066.45 which will be requested in the FY2022 budget. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,170,664.55 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT WITH A REQUIRED LOCAL 10% MATCH OF \$117,066.45 AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for equipment amounting to a total of \$1,287,731.00. The amount of \$1,170,664.55 funded through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$117,066.45 matching funds to be requested in the FY 2022 budget for the purchase of Self-Contained-Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), additional face pieces, ID tags and tag reader, and rechargeable batteries with chargers; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will provide safe, reliable, uniform and compliant SCBA for all seated positions on apparatus and individual face pieces for all field personnel; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment will be utilized to keep personnel safe when entering and working in any IDLH environment; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires 10% matching funds totaling \$117,066.45 which will be requested by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the FY 2022 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the FEMA grant for SCBA, additional face pieces, ID tags and tag reader, and rechargeable batteries with chargers for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the amount of \$1,170,664.55 with 10% match of \$117,066.45, or as otherwise awarded; and,
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund be amended by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the _____ day of _____, 2021 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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor