

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant - Juvenile Court
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$650,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required, for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.
INITIATED BY:	Juvenile Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$650,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required, for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Background: Funds have been appropriated to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to support gun violence reduction programs by providing evidence-based interventions that support behavioral health deflection to at-risk juvenile offenders.

Analysis: Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds to provide evidence-based treatment, Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) to forty-eight (48) juvenile offenders.

Financial Considerations: The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant program.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: There will be no additional expenses.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds up to \$650,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC to serve as the managing entity of the evidence-based treatment services.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$650,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required, for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR A GRANT TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT THE GRANT AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH EVIDENCE-BASED ASSOCIATES, LLC. THE GRANT PERIOD IS FROM JANUARY 1, 2025- DECEMBER 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of up to \$650,000 have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Juvenile Court from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the funds are being made available to support gun violence reduction programs by providing evidence-based interventions that support behavioral health deflection to at-risk juvenile offenders.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application for a grant to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept a grant for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 for up to \$650,000 with no local match requirement , to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award, and enter into contract with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. upon acceptance of the grant award..

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor