

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Council
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$60,433, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Muscogee County Sheriff's Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$60,433, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security, State of Georgia Gang Activity Grant, with no local match, and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

**Background:** For Fiscal year 2024, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security has announced a competitive grant for Georgia law enforcement agencies primarily focused on gang prosecutions. The program is designed to support successful gang prosecutions.

**Analysis:** The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office will purchase SMART technology equipment from independent contractors.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant, amounting to \$60,433, is for the purchase of SMART technology equipment to support successful gang activity prosecution. The state will reimburse the funds.

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

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$60,433, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security, State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

**RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT, IF AWARDED, OF \$ 60,433 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ HOMELAND SECURITY STATE OF GEORGIA GANG ACTIVITY PROSECUTION GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT REWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF SMART TECHNOLOGY BY THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EFFICACIOUS INVESTIGATIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO THE SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL STREET GANG ACTIVITY.**

**WHEREAS**, gang-related violent crime has adversely affected the quality in Muscogee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been approved by the State of Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security Governor to receive \$60,433 of grant monies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of SMART technology will support efficacious investigations by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office that will lead to the successful prosecution of criminal street gang activity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this strategy is to reduce violent crime, thereby improving quality of life and public safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, the funds have been allocated through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal requires the purchase of SMART technology and equipment, with no matching funds required.

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

1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant of \$60,433 or as otherwise awarded.
2. Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by \$60,433, or the actual amount funded.

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant in the amount of \$60,433, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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 ten members of said  
Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_  
District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor