

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into the yearly agreement with the Georgia Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) for funding in the approximate amount of \$6308.00. This amount will cross over fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Bright from the Start distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care through Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS), which supports early education goals by assisting families who are considered low-income with the cost of child care and works collaboratively with Columbus Parks & Recreation Community Schools Division to enhance early care education.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into the yearly agreement with the Georgia Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) for funding in the approximate amount of \$6308.00. This amount will cross over fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

Background: The need for high quality, affordable and wholesome recreational educational, and enrichment activities are offered to participants after school hours.

Analysis: Bright from the Start distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of childcare through Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS), which supports early education goals by assisting families who are considered low-income with the cost of childcare and works collaboratively with Columbus Parks & Recreation Community Schools Division to enhance early care education.

Financial Considerations: Approval is requested to enter into the yearly agreement with the Georgia Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) for funding in the approximate amount of \$6308.00. This amount will cross over fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

Legal: Council must approve this agreement.

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into the yearly agreement with the Georgia Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) for funding in the approximate amount of \$6308.00. This amount will cross over fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT UP TO \$6,308.00 IN FUNDS FROM MAXIMUS, INC. FOR GEORGIA'S CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES (CAPS) PROGRAM OF BRIGHT FROM THE START PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE A PART OF OUR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND TO AMEND THE MULTIGOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY OF FUNDS ISSUED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE AND LEARNING FOR THE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023.

WHEREAS, the Before and After School Program administered by the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department offers activities to youth; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department Community Schools Division administers the After School Program in 13 locations throughout the city during the school year; and,

WHEREAS, the need for high quality, affordable and wholesome recreational educational, and enrichment activities are offered to participants after school hours; and,

WHEREAS, Bright from the Start distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care through Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS), which supports early education goals by assisting families who are considered low-income with the cost of child care and works collaboratively with Columbus Parks & Receptions Community Schools Division to enhance early care education; and,

WHEREAS, MAXIMUS, Inc. is a health and human services organization and is responsible for the management and issuance of payments to Children and Parent Services (CAPS) providers. These services include orientation document management, invoice processing, attendance recording, and training; and,

WHEREAS, the Division Manager for the Community Schools Division of Columbus Parks and Recreation, Samantha Thies shall serve as the Principal Contact for Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS).

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application and if approved accept funding in the amount of \$6,308.00 or the amount awarded for tuition assistance from MAXIMUS, INC. through Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services Program (CAPS) of Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning Bright from the Start and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. These awarded funds will cross over the City's fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the _____ day of _____, 2022 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, Mayor