Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV Award (Feeding the Valley) – Project Specific Language Access Plan Adoption
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to adopt the language access plan specifically related to the 2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV grant award (Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion).
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to adopt the project specific language access plan specifically related to the 2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV grant award (Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion).

<u>Background:</u> The City of Columbus has applied for and has been awarded State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus (CDBG-CV), in the amount of \$3,142,500. The award is for facility expansion at Feeding The Valley Food Bank located at 6744 Flat Rock Road in Midland, Georgia. The expansion will include new construction of warehouse space that will allow for an expected increase in service provision across the city and surrounding communities.

The DCA CDBG-CV funding has a requirement that CDBG-CV projects should have a specific Language Access Plan (LAP) that is tailored to the specific project being awarded. The LAP is a document that spells out how to provide services to individuals who are non-English speaking or have limited English proficiency.

<u>Analysis:</u> The DCA CDBG-CV Grant provides up to \$3,142,500 to expand the facilities of Feeding the Valley located at 6744 Flat Rock Road in Midland, Georgia. The expansion will include new construction of warehouse space that will allow for an expected increase in service provision across the city and surrounding communities. The Community Reinvestment Department will be responsible for adherence to the project specific language access plan

<u>Financial Considerations</u>: There will be no financial impact. There are no match requirements for this grant by the city. The match funds will be provided by Feeding the Valley.

<u>Legal Considerations:</u> The City Attorney will review all grant agreements prior to obtaining the mayor's signature.

<u>Recommendation/Action</u>: Approve the attached Resolution recognizing the City of Columbus will comply with the project specific language access plan requirements of the 2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Application (Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion)

CDBG-CV grant. The grant funding will be utilized for Feeding the Valley facility expansion. The match funds are being provided by Feeding the Valley.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT AND COMPLY WITH THE PROJECT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CV PROGRAM FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Columbus Consolidated Government has applied for and received a FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) award from the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA); and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Consolidate Government is serving as the grant's applicant/recipient for the CDBG-CV application to modify the building located at 6744 Flat Rock Rd, Midland, GA 31820 and Feeding the Valley Food Bank will serve as the subrecipient. The facility will be expanded and used as a food bank for at least ten (10) years; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Consolidated Government is aware that all CDBG-CV awarded projects that propose to renovate a building for the purpose of serving a limited clientele population must also adhere to DCA's project specific Language Access Plan requirements.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will be responsible for adherence to the project specific language access plan

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

It is hereby resolved that the Columbus Consolidated Government is aware that all DCA CDBG-CV awarded projects that propose to renovate a building for the purpose of serving a limited clientele population must adhere to DCA's project specific language access plan.

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