

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Water Resources Development Act Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit an application and accept grant funds under the Water Resources Development Act (Water Resources Development Act). WRDA is a civil works program which is under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The bill will authorize Army Corps related water resources projects such as dams, levees, shore protection, dredging, and ecosystem replenishment. The City may be required to pay up to 50% local match of a feasibility study. Once the study is completed and if Congress appropriates funding, the federal government will pay between 20% and 100% of the total construction costs, depending on the project.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Engineering</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit an application and accept grant funds under the WRDA(Water Resources Development Act).

**Background:** WRDA is a civil works program which is under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The bill will authorize Army Corps related water resources projects such as dams, levees, shore protection, dredging, and ecosystem replenishment. Deadline to submit the applications is November 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**Analysis:** Any project submitted must be under the scope of responsibility of the Corps. The Corps has a wide-ranging mission that involves commercial navigation, flood risk management and ecosystem protection and restoration on many rivers and bodies of water nationwide. If a feasibility study is authorized/granted the Corps would be required to complete the study within 3 years. Upon completion of the study, Congress must authorize and approve funding for the actual project. Projects currently planned for submission will be related to dredging of the Watershed Flood Control Structures and a request for a feasibility study for Lake Oliver which will require concurrence from Ga Power, Columbus Water Works and local residents.

**Financial Considerations:** The City may be required to pay up to 50% local match of a feasibility study. Once the study is completed and if Congress appropriates funding, the federal government will pay between 20% and 100% of the total construction costs, depending on the project.

**Legal Considerations:** Council must authorize the application and acceptance of all grants.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to submit an application and accept grant funds under the WRDA(Water Resources Development Act).

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION AND RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE WRDA (WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT).**

**WHEREAS**, the City has received notice Senator Jon Ossoff’s office of a funding authorization opportunity and deadline ; and,

**WHEREAS**, WRDA is civil works program under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the bill will authorize Army Corps related water resources projects such as dams, levees, shore protection, dredging and ecosystem replenishment.

**WHEREAS**, the match for the grant will come from the funds allocated for the projects.

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

**SECTION I.**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make application and receive any funds granted under the WRDA program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor