

Columbus Consolidated Government

Council Meeting

8/8/2023

Agenda Report # ____

TO: Mayor and Council
SUBJECT: Literacy Alliance
INITIATED BY: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a one-year contract with Literacy Alliance to award funding for Crime Prevention initiatives.

Background: Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has agreed to recommend the funding of \$20,000.00 to Literacy Alliance of Columbus in an effort to increase literacy rates of Muscogee county residents in an effort to reduce crime and lower recidivism rates among adults.

Analysis: Literacy Alliance has been working in Columbus since 1990. Literacy Alliance has worked hard since it's inception to increase literacy rates among our entire community. They have accomplished this through numerous programs such as, Kindergarten Readiness, Adult Literacy programming and the Book Parade. The lives touched through their programming have been countless and those helped continue to give back in support of future programming. There is no better comparison to crime prevention than to that of literacy rates in a community.

Financial Considerations: These funds are appropriated from the Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program and do not require a match.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract with Literacy Alliance of Columbus to provide quality literacy programming and tutoring for adults and juveniles.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH LITERACY ALLIANCE OF COLUMBUS FOR \$20,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE INITIATIVES OF LITERACY ALLIANCE.

WHEREAS, Literacy Alliance of Columbus program has been designed to impact the lives of adults and children living within Muscogee County and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention has authorized funding under the Crime Prevention Program for this project in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Literacy Alliance of Columbus.

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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract through the Columbus Office of Crime Prevention with Literacy Alliance of Columbus for \$20,000.00 for funding the Literacy Alliance of Columbus program. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 budget: Other Local Option Sales Tax, Crime Prevention Program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of August 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	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 _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor