

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Georgia Rehoused Application (Valley Healthcare)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services Grant through Georgia Rehoused on behalf of Valley Healthcare in the amount of \$250,000 and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The grant will be utilized by Valley Healthcare Systems, Inc. to cover the cost of two (2) intensive case managers and case management resources for unsheltered homeless populations for two (2) years.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment & Real Estate Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services Grant through Georgia Rehoused on behalf of Valley Healthcare in the amount of \$250,000 and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The grant will be utilized by Valley Healthcare Systems, Inc. to cover the cost of two (2) intensive case managers and case management resources for unsheltered homeless populations for two (2) years.

Background: The State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced the Georgia Rehoused grant notice of funding availability on July 22, 2026. A pre-application was submitted to DCA on July 29, 2026. The final application is due to DCA on August 19, 2026. A final application may also be submitted in the next round (Winter 2027), if advised by DCA to apply in a later round. The grant, which is offered through the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission, will fund supportive services that reduce unsheltered homelessness for individuals and families in Georgia. Valley Healthcare Systems currently carries out PATH case management for the Muscogee-Russell Continuum of Care and is seeking to expand the intensive case management services available to homeless populations.

Analysis: The co-applicant must be a local government. If awarded, the City will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Valley Healthcare to administer the grant for two years.

Financial Considerations: There will be no financial impact to the City. There are no match requirements for this grant by the City. The grant requires a 100% match from Valley Healthcare.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all grant agreements prior to obtaining the Mayor's or City Manager's signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services Grant through Georgia Rehoused on behalf of Valley Healthcare in the amount of \$250,000 and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The grant will be utilized by Valley Healthcare Systems, Inc. to cover the cost of two (2) intensive case managers and case management resources for unsheltered homeless populations for two (2) years.

RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ACUTE HOMELESS RESPONSE AND PREVENTION SERVICES GRANT THROUGH GEORGIA REHOUSED AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced the Georgia Rehoused grant notice of funding availability in July 2026 to reduce unsheltered homelessness in the state of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Valley Healthcare Systems, Inc. currently carries out case management activities for homeless populations on behalf of the Muscogee-Russell Continuum of Care and is seeking \$250,000 to expand its intensive case management services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus must apply for the Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services grant on behalf of a co-applicant that will administer the grant.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for and, if awarded, accept a State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Acute Homeless Response and Prevention Services Grant through Georgia Rehoused on behalf of Valley Healthcare Systems, Inc., and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the on the 11th day of August 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Cook voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor