

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	U.S. Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant Solicitation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is seeking applications for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for up to \$339,756 in funding.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application for and accept, if awarded, a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$339,756, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program is authorized by Congress I Division B of H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 156-136, the Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations act, 28 U.S.C. 530C.

Analysis: All state, territorial, tribal, and local governments that were eligible for funding under the Fiscal Year 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program are eligible to apply under the CESF Program solicitation. Funds awarded must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers. All eligible departments and divisions of the Columbus Consolidated Government were invited to submit allocation requests and the following requests were received and will be applied for in the grant application: Muscogee County Sheriff: \$82,572; Columbus Police Department: \$128,511; Columbus Fire/EMS: \$128,673.

Financial Considerations: The amount that the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for is \$339,756. There is no local match requirement. The city will have two years in which to complete this grant.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: The grant will bring in \$339,756 to the Columbus Consolidated Government as reimbursement for costs incurred due to the coronavirus.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for this grant award with Council approval. Council must approve the application for and acceptance of all grant awards and the City Manager, as Signing Authority, or his designee, must sign all required contracts, reports, and certifications. Upon signing, the City will be obligated to the U.S. Department of Justice to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant contract.

Recommendation/Actions: Accept and approve the application for and subsequent award of a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$339,756, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$339,756, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program is authorized by Congress I Division B of H.R. 748, Pub. L. No. 156-136, the Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations act, 28 U.S.C. 530C; and,

WHEREAS, all state, territorial, tribal, and local governments that were eligible for funding under the Fiscal Year 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program are eligible to apply under the CESF Program solicitation. Funds awarded must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers; and,

WHEREAS, all eligible departments and divisions of the Columbus Consolidated Government were invited to submit allocation requests and the following requests were received and will be applied for in the grant application: Muscogee County Sheriff: \$82,572; Columbus Police Department: \$128,511; Columbus Fire/EMS: \$128,673.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and if awarded, accept a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$339,756, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____ 2020, 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 Thompson voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor