

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- State of Georgia FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

Background: For fiscal year 2022, Governor Brian Kemp and State Legislature approved \$7.5 million to provide a law enforcement training grant program for state and local law enforcement agencies. The program is designed to grant funds on a competitive basis to qualified state and local law enforcement agencies to support training for law enforcement officers in one of the following topic areas:

- Use of force and de-escalation training (including funding for training classes and equipment/supplies to be used for training in these priority areas),
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, and
- Training to support officer mental health.

Analysis: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office will purchase training equipment, curriculum materials, and pay Independent Contractors from the Pastoral Institute to conduct training sessions with funds being reimbursed by the state.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for training equipment, classes and materials that will enhance the treatment of the trauma patient amounting to \$52,000.00, with no matching funds required.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive the funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$52,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL- STATE OF GEORGIA FY2022 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND CONDUCTING MENTAL HEALTH CLASSES FOR DEPUTIES AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE OFFICERS AND ENHANCE RESPONSE TO USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

WHEREAS, training in the care of their mental health leads law enforcement officers to be less reactive, enables wiser assessments and interventions in de-escalating tense situations, and reduces the need for the use of force, thus reducing liability and risk of injury; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been approved by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to receive \$52,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of training equipment, curriculum materials and conducting classes will lead to better mental health of deputies and Corrections Officers; and,

WHEREAS, the funds have been allocated through the 2022 Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- State of Georgia FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment will be utilized to enhance the mental health of deputies and Corrections Officers in Columbus, Muscogee County; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires purchase of equipment with state reimbursement of funds with no matching funds required.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- State of Georgia FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by \$52,000.00 or the actual amount funded.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 16th day of November, 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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor