

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT FUNDING

BETWEEN

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (“CCG”), Chattahoochee County, Georgia, Harris County, Georgia, Talbot County, Georgia, Marion County, Georgia, and Taylor County, Georgia.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 which provided Fiscal Recovery Funds to both state and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Brian P. Kemp has allocated up to \$110 million in ARPA (State Fiscal Recovery) Funds to address backlogs of court cases; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Council of Georgia and its Administrative Office of the Courts will administer up to \$96 million in grants to authorized classes of court, prosecutors, and related agencies; and,

WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of the Courts has advised that Muscogee County must act as the fiscal agent to receive and disburse any ARPA grant funds allocated to the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to carry out the public purposes as set forth above, all parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The CCG is hereby authorized to receive and disburse ARPA grant funding, as awarded, on behalf of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.
2. Understanding that these funds are being passed through CCG from the Judicial Council and its Administrative Office of the Courts, each respective county agrees that it will reimburse and indemnify the CCG for any amount that is required to be repaid to the Administrative Office of the Courts as a result of any later de-obligation or denial by the Administrative Office of the Courts or the State of Georgia as part any grant reimbursements that may have been disbursed by CCG to that respective county.
3. This agreement shall remain in effect until five years after the grant is formally closed out by Administrative Office of the Courts and the State of Georgia.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding, this _____ day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST:

Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia

BY: _____
Isaiah Hugley
City Manager

ATTEST:

Chattahoochee County, Georgia

BY: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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Harris County, Georgia:

BY: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

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Talbot County, Georgia:

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Marion County, Georgia:

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Taylor County, Georgia:

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