

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Application (Feeding the Valley)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV application by the amount awarded up to \$3,142,500 and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. If awarded, the DCA CDBG-CV Grant could provide up to \$3,142,500 to expand the facilities of Feeding the Valley located at 6744 Flat Rock Road in Midland, Georgia. The expansion will include new construction of warehouse space that will allow for an expected increase in service provision across the city and surrounding communities.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV grant by the amount awarded, up to \$3,142,500 and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The grant funding will be utilized for Feeding the Valley facility expansion.

Background: The State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has announced the FY 2021 CDBG-CV request for proposals. The available funding is only available to local government entities. Community Reinvestment has worked with River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC), The Columbus Development Authority, and Feeding the Valley to develop a grant application which will be submitted to DCA no later than November 19, 2021. RVRC will be the administrators of the grant ensuring compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements. The Columbus Development Authority will serve as subgrant recipient of the award. If awarded, the DCA CDBG-CV Grant could provide up to \$3,142,500 to expand the facilities of Feeding the Valley located at 6744 Flat Rock Road in Midland, Georgia. The expansion will include new construction of warehouse space that will allow for an expected increase in service provision across the city and surrounding communities.

Analysis: If awarded, the DCA CDBG-CV Grant could provide up to \$3,142,500 to expand the facilities of Feeding the Valley located at 6744 Flat Rock Road in Midland, Georgia. The expansion will include new construction of warehouse space that will allow for an expected increase in service provision across the city and surrounding communities.

Financial Considerations: There will be no financial impact to the city. There are no match requirements for this grant by the city. The match funds will be provided by Feeding the Valley

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

Recommendation/Action: Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to apply, and if awarded accept up to \$3,142,500 from the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. In addition, authorization is requested to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Development Authority for it to serve as the sub-grantee with respect to the project. The grant funding will be utilized for Feeding the Valley facility expansion.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CV PROGRAM FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,142,500 FOR COMMUNITY A FACILITIES PROGRAM IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, LOCATED AT FEEDING THE VALLEY,

6744 FLAT ROCK ROAD, AND TO AMEND MULTIGOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Manager request authorization to apply for and accept if awarded, a Georgia Department of Community Affairs grant for Community Development Block Grant Program funds in an amount of up to \$3,142,500; and,

WHEREAS, this Council wishes for Columbus to partner with the River Valley Regional Commission and Feeding the Valley Food Bank to expand the facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Development Authority has agreed to serve as a sub-grantee and provide supervision and oversight of the facility expansion on behalf of Columbus in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”;

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

The Mayor or City Manager are hereby authorized to apply for and if awarded accept a State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV Community Facilities grant in an amount of up to \$3,142,500 for the purposes described above, to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Development Authority in substantially the form attached together with any other understandings or assurances that are necessary to the grant process, and to amend the multigovernmental fund by the amount of the grant awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2021 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 Tucker voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor