

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Elections and Registration - Secure the Vote Precinct Card Postage Grant from the State of Georgia |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested to apply for a grant from the State of Georgia to reimburse Elections and Registration approximately \$46,791.45 for the cost of postage related to the mailing of new precinct cards due to redistricting. |
| INITIATED BY: | Elections and Registration |

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Secure the Vote Precinct Card Postage Grant from the State of Georgia, Secretary of State’s Office, in the amount of \$46,791.45, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to cover the cost of postage incurred by the Elections and Registration department for the mailing of precinct cards, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: The county Elections and Registration Division of the Columbus Consolidated Government routinely incurs postage costs for mailing precinct cards to registered voters in Muscogee County. These costs incur at a greater extent when cards have to be sent out to all voters as a result of redistricting. The cost of mailing these cards to the 139,551 voters currently registered in Muscogee County is estimated to be \$46,791.45.

Analysis: The State of Georgia is providing grant funds to Muscogee County in the amount of \$0.3353 for each card mailed to reimburse the cost of the postage for mailing these cards.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations to the Columbus Consolidated Government for this grant. There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive this grant award and will be bound by the terms of the award.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to submit an application for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the State of Georgia to reimburse Elections and Registration for the cost of postage for mailing precinct cards, in the amount of \$46,791.45, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A SECURE THE VOTE PRECINCT CARD POSTAGE GRANT FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA, SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE, FOR ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF POSTAGE FOR MAILING VOTER PRECINCT CARDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,791.45, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Elections and Registration Division of the Columbus Consolidated Government routinely incurs postage costs for mailing precinct cards to registered voters in Muscogee County. These costs incur at a greater extent when cards have to be mailed to all registered voters as a result of redistricting. The cost of mailing these cards to the 139,551 voters currently registered in Muscogee County is estimated to be \$46,791.45; and,

WHEREAS, the Elections Division of the Georgia Secretary of State’s office is providing a grant to the County to reimburse the cost of the postage for mailing these cards at a reimbursement rate of \$0.3353 for each card mailed; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive this award on behalf of the Muscogee County Elections and Registration division.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the State of Georgia in the amount of \$46,791.45, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to reimburse the City for the cost of mailing voter precinct cards, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____day of June 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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| 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