

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2025, in the estimated amount of \$35,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award. SCAAP provides funding to local law enforcement agencies to cover certain costs associated with the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens.
INITIATED BY:	Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2025, in the estimated amount of \$35,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award. SCAAP provides funding to local law enforcement agencies to cover certain costs associated with the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens.

Background: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office receives SCAAP funding every year to assist with the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who are being held as a result of state and/or local convictions.

Analysis: These funds are available annually through the U.S. Department of Justice.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations. These funds help with the costs of operating the Muscogee County Jail.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive these funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the application for and acceptance if awarded, of the SCAAP funds for Fiscal Year 2025, and amend the SCAAP budget by the amount awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP) FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$35,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND AMEND THE SCAAP BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office receives SCAAP funding every year to assist with the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who are being held as a result of state and/or local convictions; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has made approximately \$35,000 available to assist the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office with these expenses for Fiscal Year 2025; and,

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required.

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, SCAAP funding from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$35,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor