

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention Services
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County for a grand total amount of \$1,100,000 or otherwise awarded to address the poverty in Muscogee County.
INITIATED BY:	Job Training Division

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County for a grand total amount of \$1,100,000 or otherwise awarded to address poverty in Muscogee County.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The act funded \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local governments. CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its negative economic impacts. Columbus' poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the Georgia Poverty Rate and almost 100% higher than the United States Poverty Rate. Job Training Division therefore proposes to drive down these statistics by providing occupational skills training through internships, work experience, on-the-job-training, and/or post-secondary education and retention services for those hit hardest with economic disadvantages in Muscogee County.

Analysis: The occupational training services funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) grant will allow for strengthening economic self-sufficiency by obtaining good jobs that provide family sustaining income (wages) and benefits while uplifting and fostering supportive work environments and improving economic growth as well as aid in the reduction of the poverty level in Muscogee County.

Financial Considerations: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) grant amount requested is \$1,100,000, or otherwise awarded, for the Job Training Division as acting administrator.

Legal Considerations: A resolution from the City Council authorizing the City Manager to execute contract(s)/documentation to implement the proposed occupational skills training services.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize a resolution for approval to execute subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income)

individuals residing in Muscogee County for a grand total amount of \$1,100,000 or otherwise awarded, for the Job Training Division as acting administrator.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT(S)/DOCUMENTATION TO IMPLEMENT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING AND RETENTION SERVICES FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (LOW-INCOME) INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY IN THE GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,100,000 OR OTHERWISE AWARDED TO ADDRESS THE POVERTY LEVEL IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY.

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

WHEREAS, CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its negative economic impacts; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus’ poverty rate has been at a level almost 50% higher than the State of Georgia and almost 100% higher than the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Occupational Skills Training and Retention Services are an effort to strengthen economic self-sufficiency by obtaining good jobs that provide family-sustaining income (wages) and benefits uplifting and fostering supportive work environments and improving economic growth as well as aiding in the reduction of poverty in Muscogee County.

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

The City manager is hereby authorized to execute the contract(s)/documentation to implement occupational training and retention services for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee county in the grand total amount of \$1,100,000 or otherwise awarded to address the poverty level in Muscogee county.

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