

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a reimbursement grant in the amount to be determined up to \$1,250,000, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency with no local match required and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a reimbursement grant in the amount to be determined up to \$1,250,000, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency with no local match required and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: The State of Georgia set aside \$1,250,000 in funds from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 state budget for a competitive grant to facilitate gang activity prosecutions in the state. The GAP grant will provide critical resources to county and local agencies to combat the gang threat. The purpose of the FY 2025 Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant program is to support state and local efforts to prosecute gang-related activity.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department will use the funds to help the newly formed gang unit reduce gang related crimes.

Financial Considerations: The funds are available from the State of Georgia's (FY) 25 budget and no local match is required. This is a reimbursement grant with no local match required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a reimbursement grant in the amount to be determined up to \$1,250,000, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency with no local match required and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, A GANG ACTIVITY PROSECUTION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA, GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,250,000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, through the State of Georgia FY 2025 budget has set aside \$1,250,000.00 in grant funds to help facilitate gang activity prosecutions in the State of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the grants are available to State of Georgia law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the grants seek to improve the safety of the citizens of Muscogee County, Columbus, Georgia and enhance the Columbus Police Departments ability to prosecute gang activity.

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, a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the Columbus Police Department in the amount of up to \$1,250,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required 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 _____, 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