

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY 2025 Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant Application – Sherriff’s Office
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for funds to assist with creating safer communities by proving resources for aiding with combating and prosecuting gang activity, in the amount of \$84,040.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for funds to assist with creating safer communities by proving resources for aiding with combating and prosecuting gang activity, in the amount of \$84,040.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: Gang Activity Prosecution grant funds will provide critical resources to county agencies for combating gang activity and enhancing efforts toward successful prosecutions. Gangs are not an urban problem; they endanger all Georgia communities.

Analysis: These funds are available through the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS).

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office is eligible to apply for and receive these funds if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for funds to assist with creating safer communities by proving resources for aiding with combating and prosecuting gang activity, in the amount of \$84,040.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$84,040.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY (GEMA/HS), FY25 GANG ACTIVITY PROSECUTION GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORENSIC AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, Gang Activity Prosecution funds will be used to provide critical resources to the MCSO to aid with combating gang activity and enhancing efforts toward successful prosecutions, along with aiding to sustain current capability levels while also addressing potential gaps; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) to apply for \$84,040.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, programs will focus on creating safer communities by prosecuting gang activity and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), FY25 Gang Activity Prosecution grant; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized for the purchase of forensic and surveillance equipment; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project.

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 (GEMA/HS) for funds to assist with creating safer communities by providing resources for aiding with combating and prosecuting gang activity, in the amount of \$84,040.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget 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