

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$199,424.35 or as otherwise awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of rescue equipment and GSAR support resources. There is a 10% (\$19,942.43) matching funds requirement.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$199,424.35 or as otherwise awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of rescue equipment and GSAR support resources. There is a 10% (\$19,942.43) matching funds requirement.

**Background:** Funds are requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide replacement equipment and support for the department's Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) team. This is a package request to include a number of items including tents, drill, power units, air shores and supplementary equipment that is utilized by GSAR members in support of rescue operations across the region. The Fire-EMS Department has maintained this equipment since its inception. However, most items have reached end of life and are no longer serviceable. The GSAR team deploys to disaster areas across the country when requested and approved, in addition to providing those resource capabilities right here in Muscogee County.

**Analysis:** Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of a package of replacement rescue equipment.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant is for the purchase of rescue equipment and GSAR support resources. The total amount requested is \$199,424.35, with 10% matching funds required.

**Legal Considerations:** The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these funds.

**Recommendation/Action:** Authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept a grant request for equipment totaling \$199,424.35 through the Assistance to FireFighters Grant program with 10% matching funds required.

The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PACKAGE OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT’S GSAR TEAM FOR \$199,424.35, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM FEMA’S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM WITH 10% MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds for the purchase of a package of rescue equipment for a total of \$199,424.35; and,

**WHEREAS**, the equipment requested is replacement equipment and support resources for the Fire-EMS Department’s Georgia Search & Rescue (GSAR) team; and,

**WHEREAS**, the majority of items requested have reached their end of life and are no longer serviceable; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal will require 10% matching funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the Assistance to FireFighters Grant program application for the purchase of a package of rescue equipment and support resources for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$199,424.35 or as otherwise awarded with 10% matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.