

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for a grant in the amount of \$170,320.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, with a 10% local match of \$17,032.00 required with amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount. The funds will be used for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) extractors and dryers.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a grant application in the amount of \$187,352.00; \$170,320.00 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with a 10% match of \$17,032.00. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Background: Funds will be requested from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) extractors and dryers to be utilized by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS). The equipment will be installed at 10 of our 14 stations, Logistics Division and Training Complex. The equipment will be used to wash and dry PPE after it has been exposed to the contaminants of combustion while performing firefighting duties and for other occasions PPE may become soiled. Multiple studies have been conducted and found contaminants of combustion contains many carcinogens. Studies have also found firefighters have a significantly higher rate of cancer than the general public. Following decontamination of PPE at the scene of a fire and further decontamination using the extractors and dryers, our personnel's PPE will be virtually carcinogen free for storage at the station and future calls throughout the shift.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of twelve extractor washers and twelve drying cabinets.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$187,352.00. \$170,320.00 will be grant funded with 10% matching funds of \$17,032.00 being paid by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

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

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to accept a grant request for equipment totaling \$187,352.00 from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Grant funding will be in the amount of \$179,320.00 with Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services paying the 10% match of \$17,032.00. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,352.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT. FUNDS REQUESTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,320.00 WITH COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PAYING THE 10% MATCH OF \$17,032.00. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD. THE EXTRACTORS AND DRYERS WILL BE UTILIZED BY COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO CLEAN AND DRY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) THAT HAS CONTAMINANTS OF COMBUSTION FOLLOWING FIREFIGHTING DUTIES. THE EXTRACTORS AND DRYERS WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE EXPOSURE PERSONNEL HAVE TO THE CARCINOGENS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION. THE EXTRACTORS AND DRYERS WILL BE PLACED IN TEN OF THE DEPARTMENTS FOURTEEN STATIONS, LOGISTICS DIVISION AND THE TRAINING COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds in the amount of \$170,320.00 from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$17,320.00 matching funds for the purchase of extractors and dryers for the cleaning of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); and,

WHEREAS, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will greatly reduce the carcinogens personnel are exposed to during firefighting operations; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment will be utilized to clean PPE following exposure to the products of combustion which have been proven through numerous studies to carry carcinogens; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown firefighters are at a significantly higher risk of developing cancer than the general population; this equipment will greatly limit personnel exposure; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires 10% matching funds totaling \$17,032.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the grant for extractors and dryers for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the amount of \$170,320.00 with 10% match of \$17,032.00, or as otherwise awarded.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor