

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$375,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$375,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, with no local match.

Background: For fiscal year 2022, the number of pedestrian fatalities in the State of Georgia increased from 319 in 2021, to 327 in 2022. Pedestrian fatalities remain a great concern in Georgia, especially in how it impacts local communities. Bicycle fatalities increased 100% from 14 in 2021 to 30 in 2022. The purpose of this grant is for the development and implementation of pedestrian/bicycle safety awareness programs to enhance knowledge and skills via outreach, community awareness, etc.

Analysis: The Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office will develop educational campaigns to inform motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists of safety related information.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for the partnering with local news media to development of pedestrian safety related programs amounting of up to \$375,000, with funds reimbursed by the state.

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

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$375,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$375,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE SAFETY GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR LOCAL MEDIA SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON PEDESTRIAN/DRIVING BEHAVIORS AND TO IMPLEMENT HIGHWAY SAFETY CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMS BY THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to partnering with the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety in its mission to eliminate injuries and fatalities on Georgia roadways; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been approved by the State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety to receive up to \$375,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, the media services and partnership will support a pedestrian/bicycle safety awareness program that will be implemented by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to reduce pedestrian/bicycle fatalities, thereby improving quality of life and public safety; and,

WHEREAS, the funds have been allocated through the State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety and Pedestrian Safety Grant; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal with no matching funds required.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant of up to \$375,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by \$375,000 or as otherwise awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day
of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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 Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor