

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Veterans Treatment Court
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$132,927.30 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$132,927.30 or as otherwise awarded. The City is required to provide a 12% cash matching funds (\$15,951.24) to participate in this grant program. This cash match is satisfied in the 25% of salary and benefits of a current case manager who is paid for by the City (\$50,406) the other 75% is used as match for Adult Drug and Mental Health Court.
INITIATED BY:	Superior Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application, and if approved, accept \$132,927.39 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$132,927.30 or as otherwise awarded.

Background: The State of Georgia has provided funds to operate Accountability Courts. The funds are being provided through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to be utilized to operate accountability courts in FY24.

Analysis: The Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court is requesting a grant of \$132,927.30 from the CJCC to operate the Veterans Treatment Court for a period of 12 months.

Financial Considerations: The City is required to provide a 12% cash matching funds (\$50,406.00) to participate in this grant program. This cash match is satisfied in the salary and benefits of a current case manager who is paid for by the City (25% of \$50,406).

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be required to continue this program when the grant funds have been expended.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and if approved, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by \$132,927.30 or as otherwise awarded.

RESOLUTION

NO. ____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AND IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$132,927.30 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 WITH A 12% CASH LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND ALSO AUTHORIZING DR. ANDREW COX AS THE SOLE PROVIDER FOR EVALUATION AND CLINICAL SERVICES FOR THE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AWARD AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Veterans Treatment Court for a 12 month period beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, funds are being made available to provide support for the operation of the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court for FY24; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the State through the CJCC to fund Accountability Courts in the State of Georgia and the CJCC is accepting grant requests from Accountability Courts throughout the State of Georgia; We are requesting to continue to use New Horizons Behavioral Health for our treatment needs for those without VA benefits, DTPM and Life Hope labs for confirmation testing and Dr. Andrew Cox for our clinical and programmatic evaluations,

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide a 12% cash matching funds to participate in this grant program. This cash match is satisfied by the current case manager salary paid for by the City.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court and if awarded accept \$132,927.30 to provide funding from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and authorize a sole source contract to New Horizons Behavioral Health, DTPM, The Family Life Center and Dr. Andrew Cox and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of February 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor