

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Annual HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program, and Moving to Work Funding – Environmental Reviews and Request for Release of Funds Approval
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute approvals of environmental review records and requests for release of funds for the building and site improvements annually performed through HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP), and Moving to Work (MTW) funds. HUD entitlement funds, as the HOME Program requires a 25% match, which is required from HOME-awarded subrecipients. There are no direct fiscal considerations for the City regarding CFP and MTW funds, which are administered by the Housing Authority. As the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, the City of Columbus serves as the Responsible Entity for approving these actions.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute approvals of environmental review records and requests for release of funds for the building and site improvements annually performed through HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP), and Moving to Work (MTW) funds. HUD entitlement funds, as the HOME Program requires a 25% match, which is required from HOME-awarded subrecipients. There are no direct fiscal considerations for the City regarding CFP and MTW funds, which are administered by the Housing Authority. As the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, the City of Columbus serves as the Responsible Entity for approving these actions.

Background: The City of Columbus annually receives HUD entitlement funds to support community development activities that build stronger and more resilient communities. In addition, the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) conducts necessary critical repairs and renovations for its public housing stock utilizing HUD Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Moving to Work (MTW) funds.

Through this funding, HACG modernizes and/or repairs its public housing stock. Typical improvements include administration, operations, fees and costs for appliances, equipment, security enhancements, information technology improvements, sewer and water line repair, HVAC repair/replacement, landscaping, exterior doors and windows, electrical systems, roofing, and painting.

To access HUD Federal funding, the Responsible Entity (the City of Columbus) must approve environmental reviews and requests for release of funds. Execution of these approvals triggers the release of HUD funds for the projects.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to authorize the Mayor, the Deputy City Manager, and/or his/her designee to execute environmental reviews and requests for release of funds related to HUD funding, which will allow the release and use of funds for the approved projects.

Financial Considerations: HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP), and Moving to Work (MTW) funds will be released upon HUD approval. The City has financial considerations in terms of HUD entitlement funds, as the HOME Program requires a 25% match which is required from HOME awarded subrecipients. There are no direct fiscal considerations for the City regarding CFP and MTW funds, which are administered by the Housing Authority.

Legal Considerations: Any agreement involving the City of Columbus requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute approvals of environmental review records and requests for release of funds for the building and site improvements annually performed through HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP), and Moving to Work (MTW) funds. HUD entitlement funds, as the HOME Program requires a 25% match, which is required from HOME-awarded subrecipients. There are no direct fiscal considerations for the City regarding CFP and MTW funds, which are administered by the Housing Authority. As the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, the City of Columbus serves as the Responsible Entity for approving these actions.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR, THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, AND/OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS AND REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS ANNUALLY PERFORMED THROUGH HUD ENTITLEMENT, CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP), AND MOVING TO WORK (MTW) FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually provides funding to the City of Columbus to support community development activities; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Moving to Work (MTW) funding to the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) for affordable housing development and improvement; and,

WHEREAS, execution of environmental reviews and requests for release of funds is necessary to access and utilize HUD funding for community-based and housing projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, as the Federal grantee of HUD funding, serves as the Responsible Entity for approving environmental reviews and requests for release of funds under applicable federal regulations.

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

That the Mayor, the Deputy City Manager, and/or his/her designee are hereby authorized to execute environmental reviews and requests for release of funds for the building and site improvements annually performed through HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP), and Moving to Work (MTW) funds related to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2025, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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