

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Bright from the Start – Snack Grant – Parks & Recreation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$67,989.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning, Bright from the Start, to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Government Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over the 2025 and 2026 Fiscal Years.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$67,989.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning, Bright from the Start, to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Government Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over the 2025 and 2026 Fiscal Years.

Background: This program is designed to offer nutritious snacks daily to the youth of Columbus enrolled in established Before and After School Programs in the city of Columbus operated by the Community Schools Division of Columbus Parks and Recreation.

Analysis: Bright from the Start is funding this grant at no cost to the Department of Parks and Recreation or the City of Columbus. Allow the sole source contract to the Muscogee County Nutrition Department to continue this service to ensure that state and federal nutrition guidelines are followed. The grant is a continuation of grant funding that was originally received during the 2019 fiscal year.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount will be up to \$67,989.00 for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (snack). The City is not required to put up any matching funds to participate in this grant and funding will be handled by reimbursement.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority for all resolutions.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$67,989.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning, Bright from the Start, to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Government Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over the 2025 and 2026 Fiscal Years.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$67,989.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDCARE AND LEARNING BRIGHT FROM THE START TO CONTINUE THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENT GRANT FUNDS BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. THE GRANT WILL CROSS OVER 2025 AND 2026.

WHEREAS, the Before and After School Program administered by the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department offers activities to youth; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department, Community Schools Division administers the After School Program in 14 locations throughout the city during the school year; and,

WHEREAS, the need for wholesome recreational, educational and enrichment activities are offered to participants with nutritional components included with meals; and,

WHEREAS, we are requesting to continue contracting with the Muscogee County School District Nutrition Department to ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines, policies, and procedures on nutrition and proper portion sizes; and,

WHEREAS, the need for nutritional after school snacks, intercession and camp meals are vital to the health and stability of all youth; and,

WHEREAS, the Division Manager for the Community Schools Division of Columbus Parks and Recreation shall serve as the Principal Contact of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

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

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant in the amount of \$67,989.00 or the amount awarded for snacks provided for the Child and Adult Care Food Program from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning Bright from the Start and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the Grant. These grants will cross over the City's fiscal year 2025-2026.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held 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 Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor