

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) – Muscogee County Sheriff's Office
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance for funds to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies, in the amount of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance for funds to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies, in the amount of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for, receive, and expend these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance for funds to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies, in the amount of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$2,000,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF ASSISTANCE, FY25 OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS COMMUNITY BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE (CVIPI), WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME, PROTECT AMERICAN CHILDREN, PROVIDE SERVICES TO AMERICAN CRIME VICTIMS, AND ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CHALLENGES.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance to apply for \$2,000,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from The U.S. Department Of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance, FY25 Office Of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention And Prevention Initiative (CVIPI); and,

WHEREAS, funds are utilized to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project.

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

That the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, the U.S. Department Of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Assistance, FY25 Office Of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention And Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) in the amount of \$2,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

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	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor