

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Cities Foundation Youth Placemaking Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and, if approved, accept a grant up to \$500.00 on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council through the Georgia Cities Foundation, GeorgiaForward Grant for the “Kindness Rocks Project”. This project involves painting rocks with uplifting messages or designs and hiding them in public locations such as the Pop Austin Recreation Center. A twenty percent match for a total of \$100.00 is required.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and, if approved, accept a grant up to \$500.00 on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council through the Georgia Cities Foundation, GeorgiaForward Grant for the “Kindness Rocks Project”. This project involves painting rocks with uplifting messages or designs and hiding them in public locations such as the Pop Austin Recreation Center. A twenty percent match for a total of \$100.00 is required.

Background: The Youth Advisory Council unanimously approved to apply for a grant through the Georgia Cities Foundation for a ‘Kindness Rocks Project’ in conjunction with Parks and Recreation at Pop Austin Recreation Center and the Therapeutic Program.

Analysis: The project involves painting rocks with uplifting messages or designs and hiding them in public places for others to find, fostering a sense of joy and connection within a community. We will be doing our project with our local Parks and Recreation community involving therapeutic recreation participants who will benefit from having rocks in their garden.

Financial Considerations: The city share is 20% or \$100 for this project.

Legal Considerations: Council authorization is required to apply for and accept this grant.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and, if approved, accept a grant up to \$500.00 on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council through the Georgia Cities Foundation, GeorgiaForward Grant for the “Kindness Rocks Project”. This project involves painting rocks with uplifting messages or designs and hiding them in public locations such as the Pop Austin Recreation Center. A twenty percent match for a total of \$100.00 is required.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL THROUGH THE GEORGIA CITIES FOUNDATION, GEORGIAFORWARD GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Council unanimously approved to apply for a grant through the Georgia Cities Foundation for a ‘Kindness Rocks Project’ in conjunction with Parks and Recreation at Pop Austin Recreation Center and the Therapeutic Program; and,

WHEREAS, the project involves painting rocks with uplifting messages or designs and hiding them in public places for others to find, fostering a sense of joy and connection within a community. We will be doing our project with our local Parks and Recreation community involving therapeutic recreation participants who will benefit from having rocks in their garden; and,

WHEREAS, the city share is 20% or \$100 for this project.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and if approved accept a grant on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council through the Georgia Cities Foundation, GeorgiaForward Grant up to \$500 per youth council.

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