

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Hazard Mitigation Grant Application – Hazard Mitigation Plan 2029-2034</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the homeland security and emergency management to apply for a hazard mitigation grant through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the update/revision of the hazard mitigation plan for Muscogee County (Columbus Consolidated Government).
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Homeland Security Department</b>

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award, in the amount of \$69,541.00, or as otherwise awarded, for updating the Muscogee County hazard mitigation plan, with a local match requirement of \$15,318.25 cash or in-kind services match, and amend the 0216 Multi-governmental fund budget by the amount of the award.

**Background:** It is required that the Muscogee County Hazard Mitigation Plan be updated every five years and remain current in order for Muscogee County (Columbus Consolidated Government) to be eligible for mitigation and recovery funding through GEMA and FEMA.

**Analysis:** The current hazard mitigation plan will expire in 2029; however, these grant funds have been made available through Hurricane Helene, and Muscogee County has been invited to apply for this grant to help pay for the next update of the plan.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant will pay for 75% of the project, which will be completed by an approved consultant. The matching funds can be paid by cash or in-kind labor of the employees of the homeland security and emergency management department. It will be the goal to not have any cash match if enough in-kind work can be completed to take care of all of the grant match.

**Legal Considerations:** None

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for the application for and acceptance, if awarded, of the hazard mitigation grant, and amend the homeland security (450) budget by the amount awarded.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,541.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE A REVISION OF THE CITY'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. THIS GRANT IS ALLIGNED WITH THE PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN CURRENTLY IN EFFECT FOR COLUMBUS, GA/MUSCOGEE COUNTY, AND WILL CONCLUDE WITH A FULL REVISION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE 2029-2034 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, this grant will allow the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department to hire a consultant to begin the planning process and conclude the same with a draft of a revised hazard mitigation plan for 2029-2024, which may be subsequently approved by the city council, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management will work closely with the consultants, the public safety departments, the general government departments, local partners, regional partners, and state partners to gather accurate information to be included in the revised plan, and;

**WHEREAS**, the local match of 25% totaling \$15,318.25 will be paid out of the budget of the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at the time of the grant award.

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

That the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application and if approved, accept a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$69,541.00 with a local match of \$15,318.25, or as otherwise awarded, and the FY 27 budget will be amended by like amount and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Lindsey G Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor