

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Extension of the Subrecipient Agreement
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The act funded \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local governments which CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its negative economic impacts. Since Columbus has experienced an increase in violent crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic, alternative initiatives are being considered to reduce violence throughout the community. Cure Violence Columbus is a grassroots movement started by local community partners with a sole mission to address the violence epidemic afflicting the marginalized and low-income communities in Columbus.

Analysis: Successful outcomes of the program will reduce community violence. There was a delay in getting the staff onboard. The original expiration date was June 30, 2023. An extension to March 31, 2024 was grant per Resolution No. 195-23. An additional extension is requested to December 31, 2024.

Financial Considerations: There is no change of the award amount for this grant of \$500,000.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review extension documentation and approve as to form prior to execution.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000 to address community violence exacerbated by the pandemic.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO FUND THE CURE VIOLENCE COLUMBUS INITIATIVE FOR AN AWARD AMOUNT UP TO \$500,000.00 TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY VIOLENCE EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11,2021 which provided Fiscal Recovery Funds to both state and local governments; and,

WHEREAS, CCG was allocated \$78.4 million in direct funding to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) and its negative economic impacts; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus has experienced an increase in violent crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Cure Violence Columbus is a grassroots movement started by local community partners with a sole mission to address the violence epidemic afflicting the marginalized and low-income communities in Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, Cure Violence Columbus was granted an extension until March 31, 2024 per Resolution No. 195-23; and,

WHEREAS, Cure Violence Columbus is requesting another extension until December 31, 2024.

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

That the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to extend the Subrecipient Agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative to address community violence exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic to December 31, 2024.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Begly voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.

Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor