

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to accept a grant for new equipment and reimbursement for expenditures in the amount of \$89,600 or as otherwise awarded, from FEMA assistance to Firefighters grant-COVID-19 supplemental grant. Funds requested in the amount of \$89,600 with Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services paying the 10% match of \$8,145.45. The monies will be utilized by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services to reimburse expenditures associated with COVID-19 response as well as for the purchase of Clorox 360 electrostatic sanitizing systems and cleanser. The Clorox 360 systems will be used to sanitize stations, apparatus and equipment. Systems will be utilized through this pandemic as well as any future sanitizing needs.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Columbus Fire and EMS Department

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to accept application for the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant COVID-19 Supplemental.

**Background:** The Department of Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has purchased supplies for the recent COVID-19 response in an effort to keep our personnel safe and protected. State EMS officials have been generous in supplying N95 masks, surgical masks, gowns and face shields. The department has had to purchase gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant cleansers, infrared thermometers, and other miscellaneous supplies. The department is seeking reimbursement for expenditures. Columbus Fire and EMS has a great working relationship with local hospitals with hospitals sanitizing ambulances that come to their facility following potential and known exposures. The department is asking for eight Clorox 360 Electrostatic Sanitizing Systems in this grant to utilize for this pandemic as well as for future needs.

**Analysis:** Funds are being requested for reimbursement funds as well as 14 Clorox 360 Electrostatic Sanitizing Systems to keep our personnel and the citizens of Columbus safe by minimizing their exposure to harmful bacteria and viruses.

**Financial Considerations:** The total cost for reimbursement and equipment being requested is \$89,600, of which \$8,145.45 will be the responsibility of Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Service through a 10% cost share. Total monies requested will be \$81,454.55.

**Legal Considerations:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive these funds.

**Recommendation/Action:** Authorize the City Manager to accept the application for the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR NEW EQUIPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,600 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT-COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT. FUNDS REQUESTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,600 WITH COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PAYING THE 10% MATCH OF \$8,145.45. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD. THE MONIES WILL BE UTILIZED BY COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 RESONSE AS WELL AS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLOROX 360 ELECTROSTATIC SANITIZING SYSTEMS AND CLEANSER. THE CLOROX 360 SYSTEMS WILL BE USED TO SANITIZE STATIONS, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT. SYSTEMS WILL BE UTILIZED THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC AS WELL AS ANY FUTURE SANITIZING NEEDS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds in the amount of \$89,600 from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant –COVID-19 Supplemental with \$8,145.45 matching funds for the purchase of Clorox 360 Electrostatic Sanitizing Systems and reimbursement for supplies purchased in response to COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will serve to better protect department personnel against bacteria and viruses commonly exposed to in the fire and EMS profession; and,

**WHEREAS**, the equipment will be utilized to clean and sanitize stations, apparatus and equipment after exposure and routinely to minimize personnel exposure; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal requires 10% matching funds totaling \$8,145.45,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the grant for reimbursement for expenses and purchase of the Clorox Electrostatic Sanitizing Systems for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the amount of \$89,600 with 10% match of \$8,145.45, or as otherwise awarded.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor