

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and/or sign any documents related to the 2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge, and if awarded, accept the 2020 Georgia SMART Communities Challenge Grant in the amount of \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$25,000 local match requirement and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Information Technology

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and/or sign any documents related to the 2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge, and if awarded, accept the 2020 Georgia SMART Communities Challenge Grant in the amount of \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$25,000 local match requirement and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the award.

Background: Developed by the Georgia Institute of Technology, in partnership with the Institute for People and Technology, the Georgia Smart Communities Challenge allows communities to plan for their "SMART" future. Working to aid in the innovation of Georgia communities, the SMART Communities Initiative provides opportunity to work with research professionals and advisors throughout the planning process. A total of four cities will be awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 dollars, or as otherwise awarded, and the initial year-one projects will begin in September of 2020.

Analysis: If awarded the Grant, the Columbus Consolidated Government will receive funding for planning of the implementation of public wireless access and IoT devices. These devices are intended to increase livability, drive collaboration and enhance public safety. Additionally, the Georgia Institute of Technology will provide research staff to conduct onsite development and initial research plans.

Financial Considerations: The Grant amount is \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$25,000 local match requirement, of which half must be a cash contribution. The cash contribution of \$25,000 is budgeted in the LOST Information Technology Budget.

Legal Considerations: Any Grant concerns will be vetted by the CCG City Attorney's Office.

Recommendations/Actions: That the Mayor, City Manager, or Designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and/or sign any documents related to the 2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge, and if awarded, accept the 2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Grant in the amount of \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$25,000 local match requirement and to amend the multigovernmental fund by the amount of the award.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AND/OR SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE 2020 GEORGIA SMART COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A 2020 GEORGIA SMART COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH A \$25,000 LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, Communities are made up of government and non-government groups that want to work together towards a common, smart-community future; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to receive \$100,000 in funding in addition to a local match expected to be \$25,000 of which is budgeted in the LOST Information Technology budget; and,

WHEREAS, the grant requires that the governing body be notified of the application; and,

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

That the Mayor, City Manager, or Designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and/or sign any documents related to the 2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge, and if awarded, accept the 2020 Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Grant in the amount of \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$25,000 local match requirement and to amend the multigovernmental 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	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor