

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce for Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Program Administration Services</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG’s small business and non-profit grant programs funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG’s small business and non-profit grant programs funded by the State of GA’s Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

**Background:** The City has previously funded small business and nonprofit economic relief grant programs utilizing funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The City has previously partnered with StartUP Columbus and the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer the grant programs that provided assistance to small businesses of Columbus that have negatively been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. With that, the city would like to continue its partnership with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to maintain continuity in oversight of the grant relief programs.

**Analysis:** The Chamber will assist CCG with awarding various economic relief grants using the State’s Fiscal Recovery Funds.

**Financial Considerations:** CCG has been awarded \$4 million from the State’s Fiscal Recovery Funds for the grant programs.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all agreements as to form before execution.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the authorization of a MOU with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce to administer CCG’s small business and non-profit grant programs funded by the State of GA’s Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER COLUMBUS GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ADMINISTER THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT GRANT PROGRAMS FUNDED BY STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has previously funded small business and nonprofit economic relief grant programs utilizing funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been awarded \$4 million from the State of Georgia in Fiscal Recovery Funds pursuant to H.R.1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to maintain continuity in oversight of the grant programs by partnering with the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce once again to assist with administering the small business and nonprofit economic relief grants funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute the attached memorandum of understanding and appropriate related documents relative to administering the city’s small business and non-profits grant programs funded by State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of 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 Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor