

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Emergency Purchase: Covid-19/Cares Act Funds Coordinator
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate an emergency purchase contract, as a matter of public health and welfare, with Media, Marketing and More! (Columbus, GA) to provide professional services to coordinate the facilitation of funds received per the COVID-19/CARES Act.

The CARES Act provides for payments to State, Local and Tribal governments navigating the impact of COVID-19. Per the U. S. Department of the Treasury, the CARES Act requires that the payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund only be used to cover expenses that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, the City has spent non-budgeted funds to mitigate and prepare for the effects of the coronavirus. Those funds must be accounted for to obtain proper reimbursement from the CARES Act Grant, with specialized reporting and monitoring. The City does not have available staff to perform the reconciliation functions required to properly account for all the expenditures due to COVID. Consequently, a Coordinator needs to be hired for a period of time not to exceed 45 days beyond the period end date as specified by the U.S. Department of Treasury for that purpose.

Media Marketing and More!, led by M Marquette McKnight, is a Columbus based business with over 35 years of experience in developing, coordinating and implementing hundreds of strategic projects for a diverse clientele. The firm has an extensive communications, development and project management background and has had successful involvement in most of the recent major projects in the greater Columbus, GA region including:

- Columbus 2025
- Columbus Public Library
- Gateways Fort Benning
- John B. Amos Cancer Center

- National Infantry Museum
- RiverCenter for Performing Art
- The Columbus Challenge
- The Library Foundation
- The Mill District
- Together Columbus
- Westville
- Whitewater Columbus

Funding to pay the Covid-19/Cares Act Funds Coordinator will come from the CARES Act Grant.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE CONTRACT, AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, WITH MEDIA, MARKETING AND MORE! (COLUMBUS, GA) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO COORDINATE THE FACILITATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED PER THE COVID-19/CARES ACT.

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides for payments to State, Local and Tribal governments navigating the impact of COVID-19. Per the U. S. Department of the Treasury, “the CARES Act requires that the payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund only be used to cover expenses that:

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2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020;” and,

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 the City has spent non-budgeted funds to mitigate and prepare for the effects of the COVID Virus. Those funds must be accounted for to obtain proper reimbursement from the CARES Act Grant, with specialized reporting and monitoring. The City does not have available staff to perform the reconciliation functions required to properly account for all the expenditures due to COVID. Consequently, a Coordinator needs to be hired for a period of time not to exceed 45 days beyond the period end date as specified by the U.S. Department of Treasury for that purpose; and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate an emergency purchase contract, as a matter of public health and welfare, with Media, Marketing and More! (Columbus, GA) to provide professional services to coordinate the facilitation of funds received per the COVID-19/CARES Act. Funding to pay the Covid-19/Cares Act Funds Coordinator will come from the CARES Act Grant.

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 III, Mayor