

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Mental Health Court Grant for FY21</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit and accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant in the amount of \$180,870 for the purpose of funding the Mental Health Court for FY21. The purpose of funding the Muscogee County Mental Health Court, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This amount includes a cash match in the amount of \$18,087, or as otherwise awarded.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Superior Court</b>

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the City Manager or his designee to submit and accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant in the amount of \$180,870, or as otherwise awarded for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Mental Health Court, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This amount includes a cash match in the amount of \$18,087, or as otherwise awarded.

**Background:** This application is for the program’s yearly operating budget. The Muscogee County Mental Health Court is one of over 100 Accountability Courts specifically servicing individuals with a history of having a severe and persistent mental illness and those individuals with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse, who are involved in the legal system in Georgia. The grant is to provide funding to continue the existing program.

**Analysis:** This grant is a yearly award, starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. The funding will allow the existing program to continue its services. One of the program’s goals is to increase the number of participants being served. Funding will also provide needed emergency treatment and other support, which will increase the participant’s ability to remain free of the legal system.

**Financial Considerations:** Unless otherwise awarded, this grant will provide \$162,783 in funding to the City of Columbus for the operation of the Mental Health Court, with the City being required to provide \$18,087 in local matching funds.

**Legal Considerations:** The city is eligible to apply for this grant, and if awarded and accepted, will be bound by the terms and conditions of the grant award.

**Recommendation/Action:** Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant award for the Muscogee County Mental Health Court in the amount of \$180,870, including a \$18,087 cash match, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO FUND THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT WITH A GRANT AWARD OF \$162,783, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FROM JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. THIS FUNDING WILL HAVE A STATE REQUIRED MATCH OF \$18,087, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, MAKING THE TOTAL GRANT AWARD \$180,870, AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. THIS FUNDING AMOUNT WILL PROVIDE THE OPERATING COST OF THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.**

**WHEREAS**, funds have been made from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Muscogee County Mental Health for a 12 month period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds have been made available from the State to the CJCC to fund Accountability Courts in the State of Georgia and the CJCC received applications from Mental Health Courts throughout the State of Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds are being made available from the Federal Government to the CJCC to fund Mental Health Courts in the State of Georgia and the CJCC has approved application from Mental Health Courts throughout the State of Georgia; and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the receipt of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council’s Grant to provide funding for the Muscogee County Mental Health Court in the amount of \$180,870, or as otherwise awarded, and 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

