

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Columbus Civic Center - Shuttered Venue Operators Grant |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested for the Columbus Civic Center to pursue and apply to the Small Business Association Office of Disaster Assistance for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) as an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act. The purpose of the SVOG is to assist business hardest hit an effort to provide grant funding to be administered by SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. |
| INITIATED BY: | Columbus Civic Center |

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) from the Small Business Administration as funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, on behalf of the Columbus Civic Center to replace revenue lost due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Civic Center Fund by the amount of the award.

Background: The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over \$16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance.

Analysis: The purpose for pursuit of the SVOG grant is to provide economic relief for expenses and revenues forfeited because of event cancellations due to Covid-19. Additional funding from the grant can be used for:

- **Payroll costs**
- **Rent payments**
- **Utility payments**
- **Worker protection expenditures**
- **Payments to independent contractors (*not to exceed \$100,000 in annual compensation per contractor*)**
- **Other ordinary and necessary business expenses, including maintenance costs**
- **Administrative costs (*including fees and licensing*)**

Financial Considerations: The Columbus Civic Center will apply for \$1,000,000.00 for grant funding due to revenue loss and expenses as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Legal Considerations: . The Civic Center is eligible to apply for this grant. The City will be obligated to abide by the terms of the grant contract.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, as an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act, on behalf of the Columbus Civic Center, with no local match required, and amend the Civic Center Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER , ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS CIVIC CENTER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS GRANT (SVOG) FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AS FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND AMEND THE CIVIC CENTER FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, Columbus Civic Center requests council approval for approval to apply for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) as an amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Civic Center plans to utilize grant funding administered by the Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance for economic relief and cover expenses as well as revenues lost as a result of Covid-19; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Civic Center in partnership with Grants Department will also assist in the application process and determining appropriate financial information in pursuit of the SVOG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded a Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) from the Small Business Administration, as funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, on behalf of the Columbus Civic Center, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, for the purpose of replacing revenue lost due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with no local match required, and to amend the Civic Center Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Baker 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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor