

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$497,191.01 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$451,991.83 funded through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. A 10% local match of \$45,199.18 is required with the amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$497,191.01 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$451,991.83 funded through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. A 10% local match of \$45,199.18 is required with the amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

Background: Funds will be requested from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of 75 sets of PFAS-free personal protective equipment (PPE) to include coats, pants, boots, helmets, hoods, gloves, and face masks. The replacement of 12 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) that are damaged beyond repair. Three extractors and drying cabinets to place at stations that do not have this equipment. Requesting funding for the needed modifications to the stations for installation of extractors and drying cabinets. This equipment is paramount to departments cancer initiatives to reduce firefighter exposure to dangerous carcinogens.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of 75 sets of PFAS-free PPE, 3 extractors and drying cabinets with installation.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$497,191.01, \$451,991.83 will be grant funded with 10% matching funds of \$45,199.18 being paid by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive these funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$497,191.01 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$451,991.83 funded through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. A 10% local match of \$45,199.18 is required with the amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND EXTRACTORS AND DRYING CABINETS WITH INSTALLATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$497,191.01, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FUNDS, WITH COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PAYING THE 10% MATCH OF \$45,199.18. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for equipment amounting to a total of \$497,191.01. The amount of \$451,991.83 funded through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with \$45,199.18 matching funds paid by Columbus Fire and EMS; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will provide 75 sets of PFAS-free PPE to include: coat, pants, boots, helmet, hoods, and gloves. Extractors and drying cabinets with installation costs for the three stations that do not currently have this equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment will be utilized by personnel during firefighting and other hazardous incidents to minimize their exposure to dangerous carcinogens. The extractors and drying cabinets will be used to launder contaminated gear; and

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires 10% matching funds totaling \$45,199.18.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for PPE and extractors and drying cabinets for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$497,191.83 with \$451,991.83 paid through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant and a 10% match of \$45,199.18 paid by Columbus Fire and EMS, or as otherwise awarded.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the _____ day,
_____2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____members
of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Begly voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor