

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY22 Mental Health Court Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant award of \$153,749 or as otherwise awarded for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Mental Health Court and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. The grant is \$153,790 with a required cash match of \$17,083. The total grant amount is \$170,832.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Mental Health Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant award of \$153,749 or as otherwise awarded for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Mental Health Court and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. The grant is \$153,790 with a required cash match of \$17,083. The total grant amount is \$170,832.

Background: This application is for the program's yearly operating budget. The Muscogee County Mental Health Court is funded and supervised through the Georgia Criminal Justice Judges Coordinating Council. Their services have been proven to be effective in reducing the time a person with a history of a chronic disabling mental illness and a co-occurring substance abuse diagnosis is spending incarcerated. This not only is beneficial to the individual by providing needed treatment and supervision, but it is also beneficial to the taxpayers. Participants of the program receive treatment in the community at a cost much less than if they were incarcerated. This grant is for the funding of the program during the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2021.

Analysis: This grant is a one-year grant starting July 1, 2021 and ending in June 30, 2022. The funding will allow the existing program to continue to provide services and to increase the number of participant's ability to comply with and attend their mandated treatment. Funding will provide needed community monitoring and other supports, which will increase the participant's ability to remain free of the legal system.

Financial Considerations: This grant amount is \$153,749 with the City of Columbus required to provide \$17,083 matching funds, resulting in a total grant amount of \$170,832.00

Legal Considerations: The requirement of the Grant is to provide the services outlined by the grant and to remain within the guidelines of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Recommendation: Authorize a resolution to approve the receipt of the awarded Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant for the Muscogee County Mental Health Court in the amount of \$153,749 with a required match of \$17,083 totaling \$170,832. This funding will be used to for the operational expenses of the Muscogee County Mental Health Court program.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,753, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA CRIMINGL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL, WITH A CASH LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT OF \$17,083, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to the Muscogee County Mental Health Court for the 12-month period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been made available from the federal government to the CJCC to fund Mental Health Courts in the State of Georgia and the CJCC has approved applications from Mental Health Courts throughout Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, these funds will provide for the operating and personnel expenses of the Muscogee County Mental Health Court for the fiscal year.

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Mental Health Court for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$153,783, with a cash match of \$17,083, resulting in total grant funds of \$170,832, 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 on the _____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten 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 Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor