

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Council
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY22 Veterans Treatment Court Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant award of \$112,897.00 or as otherwise awarded for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. The grant is \$101,607.00 with a required Match of \$11,290.00 which the City of Columbus is being required to provide. The total grant amount is \$112,987.00.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Grant award of \$112,897.00 or as otherwise awarded for the purpose of funding the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. The grant is \$101,607.00 with a required Match of \$11,290.00 which the City of Columbus is being required to provide. The total grant amount is \$112,987.00.

**Background:** This application is for the program's yearly operating budget. The Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court is funded and supervised through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Their services have been proven to be effective in helping veterans with a history of a chronic disabling mental illness and a co-occurring substance abuse diagnosis receive treatment and refrain from incarceration. 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.

**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 participants and their ability to comply with and attend their mandated treatment. Funding will provide needed community monitoring and other support, which will increase the participant's ability to remain free of the legal system.

**Financial Considerations:** This grant amount is \$101,607.00 with the City of Columbus required to provide \$11,290.00 matching funds, resulting in a total grant amount of \$112,897.00.

**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 Veterans Treatment Court in the amount of \$101,607.00 with a required match of \$11,290.00 totaling \$112,897.00. This funding will be used to for the operational expenses of the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment 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 \$112,897, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO FUND THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT, WITH A CASH LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT OF \$11,290, 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 Veterans Treatment 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 Veterans Treatment Courts in the State of Georgia and the CJCC has approved applications from Veterans Treatment Courts throughout Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, these funds will provide for the operating and personnel expenses of the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court for the fiscal year.

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

**That 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 Veterans Treatment Court for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$101,607, with a cash match of \$11,290, resulting in total grant funds of \$112,897, 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	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor