

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	National Emergency Dislocated Worker Grant Program Grant Proposal
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept grant funds set aside in response to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Development Area Fourteen in the amount of \$460,660.00 or otherwise awarded through the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development (OWD) and to authorize the City Manager to approve any contract(s)/documentation on behalf of the City and to amend the WIOA Department / Job Training Division fund (0220) by the applicable amount.
INITIATED BY:	Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Department Job Training Division

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept grant funds set aside for the State of Georgia in response to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration in the amount of \$460,660.00 or otherwise awarded through the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development (OWD) and to authorize the City Manager to approve any contract(s)/documentation on behalf of the City and to amend the WIOA Department / Job Training Division fund (0220) by the applicable amount

Background: In response to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Development Area Fourteen (WDA-14) must remain proactive in preparing for the future. As WDA-14 faces the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic, we must consider the wellbeing of the eight counties bestowed on our local workforce area. OWD has provided guidance for the local areas, specifically, regarding the National Dislocated Worker Grant Program. OWD has begun plans to develop a plan and operate the Disaster Recovery aspect of the grant for most of the State. WDA-14 foresees operating disaster recovery work experience activities with our local area. We would be honored to support OWD in its efforts by establishing eligibility, providing case management, and reporting to the approved state data system for those persons identified. Awarded funding will be expended over a two-year period ending March 31, 2022.

Analysis: The funding from the grant will allow the (Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Area) WIOA Department / Job Training Division representing eight counties of Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart and Talbot to team up to provide employment and training assistance to individuals whom are disaster recovery impacted. The Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Board will be the administrative entity for this grant.

Financial Considerations: The proposed grant amount for WDA-14 is \$460,660.00 or otherwise awarded for the WIOA Department Job Training Division as acting administrator. There is no financial obligation for the City.

Legal Considerations: A resolution from the City Council authorizing acceptance of the grant award on behalf of the City and authorize the City Manager to execute contract(s)/documentation to implement the proposed programming.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize a resolution to approve the City to accept National Emergency Dislocated Worker Grant funds set aside for WDA-14 from the US Department of Labor through the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development to provide assistance to individuals whom are disaster recovery impacted and authorize the City Manager to approve any contracts(s)/documentation on behalf of the City for the National Emergency Dislocated Worker Gran Program over a period of two years, and to amend the WIOA Department/Job Training Division governmental Fund (0220) by the amount of the grant awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOURTEEN (WDA-14) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,660.00 OR OTHERWISE AWARDED THROUGH THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA, OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE ANY CONTRACT(S)/DOCUMENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHOM ARE DISASTER RECOVERY IMPACTED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMEERGENCY DECLARATION AND TO AMEND THE WIOA DEPARTMENT/JOB TRAINING DIVISION FUND (0220) BY THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, the National Emergency Dislocated Worker Grant is funded by the US Department of Labor made available through the Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development (OWD) in response to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. The Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Board, representing 8 counties will assist individuals who are disaster recovery impacted and align education and training programs to meet those needs for a two-year period ending March 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Department and Workforce Development Board (WDB) Chair requests permission to submit proposal for said funds for Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Development Area Fourteen for the National Emergency Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this funding is to assist individuals who are disaster recovery impacted due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration in the Lower Chattahoochee Workforce Development area remaining proactive in preparing for the future; and,

WHEREAS, the WIOA Department and WDB are committed to coordinating an effort aimed in the recovery for individuals who are disaster recovery impacted due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration in Workforce Development Area Fourteen at no cost to the Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day
of _____ 2020 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 Thompson voting _____.
Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor