

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Homeland Security Grant Program – Law enforcement Robot (SPOT) – CPD/ CFEMS</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee, to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of one law enforcement advanced technology robot, with a local match requirement of \$102,616.34, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Homeland Security/Emergency Management Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee, to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of one law enforcement advanced technology robot, with a local match requirement of \$102,616.34, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

**Background:** We are seeking funding through the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the acquisition of the Spot robot by Boston Dynamics as a joint capability investment between Columbus Fire & EMS Special Operations and the Columbus Police Department's tactical and investigative units. This advanced robotic platform provides critical operational capabilities that enhance responder safety, improve situational awareness, and support all-hazard incident management, particularly in high-risk and hazardous environments relevant to homeland security missions.

As threats to public safety become increasingly complex-from hazardous materials and WMD scenarios to active threat and barricaded suspect incidents, Spot presents an innovative, field-tested solution to reduce risk to personnel while increasing mission effectiveness across both fire-rescue and law enforcement operations.

**Analysis:** This purchase needs the support of state homeland security funds. This equipment would be used in Muscogee County and be deployable to mutual aid partners as well.

**Financial Considerations:** This is not a budgeted item, and the 25% match would need to be budgeted once the application is approved.

**Legal Considerations:** Council approval is needed to apply for and accept, if awarded, the State Homeland Security grant, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Homeland Security grant award, in the amount of \$410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of one law enforcement advanced technology robot, with a

local match requirement of \$102,616.34, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO  
SUBMIT AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, STATE HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING  
FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND  
SECURITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410,465.35, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED,**

**WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,616.34 AND  
AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.**

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

That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a State Homeland Security grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$410,465.35, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$102,616.34, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members  
of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor