

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Homeland Security Grant Program - Bomb Robot Upgrades/Repairs/Refurbishment</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 \$112,523.00, or as otherwise awarded, for upgrading, repairing, and a complete refurbishment of the current bomb robot for the Hazardous Devices Team that is not in service due to being outdated and broken, with a local match requirement of \$28,130.75, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.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 \$112,523.00, or as otherwise awarded, for upgrading, repairing, and a complete refurbishment of the current bomb robot for the Hazardous Devices Team that is not in service due to being outdated and broken, with a local match requirement of \$28,130.75, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

**Background:** Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management is requesting to upgrade the first-line bomb robot that is assigned to the Hazardous Devices Unit (Bomb Squad). This robot was purchased around 2004, and although it has received new batteries and some minor repairs, it has not been maintained to the level that it needs to be, which has resulted in the robot now being in a non-functional state. The alternate robot is not capable of doing all that the primary robot could do. This grant application would be to do a complete overhaul with all upgrades that are possible to be able to make this robot last for several years until a new robot can be budgeted or awarded through a grant. The Hazardous Devices Unit included members from MCSO (unit lead), CPD, CFEMS, and Phenix City Police Department. The unit responds to incidents of suspicious, unattended devices in Columbus-Muscogee County and to surrounding areas as requested.

**Analysis:** This purchase is absolutely needed and welcomes the support of state homeland security funds. This will need to be budgeted to have this robot operational again. The funds will need to be allocated to the Homeland Security budget.

**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 \$112,523.00, or as otherwise awarded, for upgrading, repairing, and a complete refurbishment of the current bomb robot for the Hazardous Devices Team that is not in service due to being outdated and broken, with a local match requirement of \$28,130.75, 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 \$112,523.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,130.75 AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.**

**WHEREAS**, the first line bomb robot that was assigned to the Hazardous Devices Unit was purchased in 2004, it is now not functional; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant would help provide tremendous upgrades that will increase the lifespan of the robot for years to come.

**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 \$112,523.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$28,130.75, 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