

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Homeland Security Grant Program - Community Emergency Response Team Equipment
AGENDA SUMMARY:	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 \$30,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of 240 CERT kits (equipment) for the Community Emergency Response Team program to train citizens in emergency preparedness and how to respond to emergencies in their homes and work places until first responders can arrive, with a local match requirement of \$7,500.00, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.
INITIATED BY:	Homeland Security/Emergency Management Department

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 \$30,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of 240 CERT kits (equipment) for the Community Emergency Response Team program to train citizens in emergency preparedness and how to respond to emergencies in their homes and work places until first responders can arrive, with a local match requirement of \$7,500.00, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

Background: Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management has revitalized the Community Emergency Response Team training program to help train citizens on how to respond to emergencies and disasters at work, at home, and in other places. This program was designed to train citizens to be able to take care of themselves and their neighbors until first responders and other help arrive. This grant will provide funding for over 240 CERT kits that can be distributed to citizens who successfully complete the 16-hour or more CERT program and demonstrate their ability to apply the training during emergencies and disasters.

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 \$30,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase of 240 CERT kits (equipment) for the Community Emergency Response Team program to train citizens in emergency preparedness and how to respond to emergencies in their homes and work places until first responders can arrive, with a local match requirement of \$7,500.00, 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 \$30,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED,
WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 AND AMEND
THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.**

WHEREAS, the purchase of new equipment requested in the grant proposal will greatly enhance the current CERT Training Program; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment will be used to train citizens in emergency preparedness and how to respond to emergencies in their homes and workplaces until first responders arrive.

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 \$30,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$7,500.00, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

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	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor