

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Lease Agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for 31,501+/- square feet at 2100 Comer Ave. for the Superior Court of Muscogee County
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for 31,501+/- square feet at 2100 Comer Ave. for the Superior Court of Muscogee County.
INITIATED BY:	Superior Court

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for 31,501+/- square feet at 2100 Comer Ave. for the Superior Court of Muscogee County.

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It was \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was provided directly to states and local government. Governor Brian P. Kemp has allocated up to \$110 million in ARP (State Fiscal Recovery) funds to address backlogs of court cases (prioritizing cases involving serious violent felonies). The State in conjunction with The Judicial Council of Georgia and its Administrative Office of the Courts will administer up to \$96 million in grants to authorized classes of court, prosecutors, and related agencies. The State of Georgia awarded \$1,997,342 to the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit for calendar year 2022 which includes \$612,797 for rental of space for the Muscogee County Jury Selection.

Analysis: The term of the lease agreement will be from March 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. If additional grant funds are awarded, this agreement can be extended for four additional one-year terms.

Financial Considerations: The City was act as the fiscal agent for the grant. No local match is required. The rental rate of the lease agreement is \$55,832 per month.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the lease agreement and approved the form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for 31,501+/- square feet at 2100 Comer Ave. for the Superior Court of Muscogee County..

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY HOLDINGS SUB, LLC AT 3100 COMER AVE. FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit was awarded State Fiscal Recovery Funds to address the backlog of court cases caused by the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, The City will act as the fiscal agent for the grant; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides for funding to be allocated to lease space for the Muscogee County Jury Selection; and,

WHEREAS, suitable space was available at 3100 Comer Ave.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for approximately 31,501 +/- square feet located at 3100 Comer Ave. for March 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 and up to four one-year renewals if funding is allocated. Funding for this lease will be provided thru the State of Georgia ARP (American Rescue Plan) grant.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of February 2022 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 _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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