

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	GEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant and American Rescue Plan Act award
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, from GEMA/HS from the Emergency Management Performance Grant and American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) for Emergency Management, amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, and allocate funding for the upgrade of the Emergency Management warning siren system software.
INITIATED BY:	Finance

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, from GEMA/HS to the Columbus/Muscogee County Emergency Management Agency, amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded, and allocate the funding for a software upgrade needed to the Emergency Management siren system.

Background: GEMA has for many years provided funding to Emergency Management through its Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program. For FY22, additional funding is provided from funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Analysis: these funds will be used to upgrade the software for the siren system at the Emergency Operations Center. The software has been in need for an upgrade for several years.

Financial Considerations: No city funds will be needed for this grant project, as no local match is required.

Legal Considerations: The city is eligible to receive these funds and will be obligated to use the funds as agreed in the grant agreement.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, from GEMA/HS to the Columbus/Muscogee County Emergency Management Agency, amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded, and allocate the funding for a software upgrade needed to the Emergency Management siren system.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (EMPG-ARPA), WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED, AND TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER SIREN SOFTWARE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, GEMA has historically provided funding to Emergency Management through its Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program; and,

WHEREAS,; this funding has helped to cover operations expenses, including personnel expenses of the Emergency Management Division of Columbus Fire/EMS; and,

WHEREAS, GEMA has made \$25,000 available to Emergency Management through the EMPG-ARPA program; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Management will use these funds to upgrade the software for the siren system at the Emergency Operations Center.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to accept a grant award from GEMA/HS to the Emergency Management Division in the amount of \$25,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, and allocate the funds for the purchase of a software upgrade for the Emergency Operations Center siren system.

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 ____ 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, Mayor