

1 **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND FULTON COUNTY'S CURRENT BUDGET TO INCREASE THE**  
2 **DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE**  
3 **AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000, BASED ON CURRENT UNDERRUNS IN THE COUNTY'S**  
4 **OVERALL 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET; AND TO ESTABLISH A **RECURRING** ANNUAL**  
5 **INVESTMENT OF \$3,000,000 INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE**  
6 **BEGINNING IN 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

7 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 provides that counties "shall establish by ordinance,  
8 local law, or appropriate resolution a fiscal year for the operations of the local government"  
9 and that counties "shall adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget" to be  
10 adopted by ordinance or resolution; and

11 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 further provides that a county may amend its budget  
12 to adapt to changing governmental needs during the budget period; and

13 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(d) provides that amendments shall be made as  
14 follows:

15 (1) Any increase in appropriation at the legal level of control of the local government,  
16 whether accomplished through a change in anticipated revenues in any fund or  
17 through a transfer of appropriations among departments, shall require the approval  
18 of the governing authority. Such amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or  
19 resolution;

20 2) Transfers of appropriations within any fund below the local government's legal  
21 level of control shall require only the approval of the budget officer; and

22 (3) The governing authority of a local government may amend the legal level of  
23 control to establish a more detailed level of budgetary control at any time during the  
24 budget period. Said amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the legal level of control for Fulton County is the departmental level;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2025 via Item 25-0070, the Board of Commissioners of  
28 Fulton County ("BOC") adopted the 2025 fiscal year budget; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the 2025 fiscal year budget includes a budget of \$6,090,899 for the  
30 Department of Arts and Culture; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the 2025 fiscal year budget for the Department of Arts and Culture does  
2 not include the requested \$1,700,000 budget enhancement for the CFS Program as  
3 identified in the Proposed Budget submitted on November 15, 2024; and

4           **WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2025, the Finance Department presented the mid-year  
5 budget review via Item 25-0564, which indicated the County is currently projected to have  
6 \$69 million in underruns in the 2025 fiscal year budget due to projected actual revenue  
7 being greater than earlier estimates and projected actual expenses being less than earlier  
8 estimates; and

9           **WHEREAS**, according to the Finance Department's presentation, the excess  
10 underruns will increase the fund balance beyond the amount of 16.66% of budgeted  
11 expenses as required by Fulton County Code Section 102-290; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it to be in the best interests of the County to utilize a  
13 portion of the underruns to increase the departmental budget for the Department of Arts  
14 and Culture to fund the CFS Program; and

15           **WHEREAS**, in previous years, a reoccurring enhancement of \$3,000,000 has been  
16 granted to the Department of Arts and Culture to fund the CFS Program; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it to be in the best interests of the County to establish an  
18 automatic, recurring, addition of \$3,000,000 annually to the departmental budget for the  
19 Department of Arts and Culture to fund the CFS Program, beginning in 2026.

20           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton  
21 County that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(d), the current budget is to be amended by  
22 transferring \$1,700,000 from available resources to the Department of Arts and Culture to  
23 fund the CFS Program.

24           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Arts and Culture is directed to  
25 follow its established practice of reviewing and recommending recipients of funding under  
26 the CFS Program, and to submit the recipients for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is directed to identify the appropriate departments and funding lines for effectuating such transfer and place the resulting budget soundings item on the agenda of the next Board of Commissioners meeting for approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is directed to include a recurring annual budget item of \$3,000,000 to the Department of Arts and Culture to fund the CFS program beginning in 2026.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this \_\_ day of September, 2025.

**FULTON COUNTY**

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