

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY TO ENACT THE “AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FULTON COUNTY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 21-0221 on March 17, 2021, promulgating the County’s acceptance of federal funds available to the County from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (signed into law March 11, 2021, by President Joe Biden), and outlining the County’s priorities for usage of said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 21-0221 the County Manager has established a utilization and distribution plan consistent with the intent of the Commission’s Resolution, and that will be in conformance with the rules and guidelines evinced in the American Rescue Plan Act, and has reported back to the Board of Commissioners with recommendations for action by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed information from the County Manager and his appropriate staff in the areas of finance and budget; human resources; youth and community services; economic development; arts and cultural affairs; health; operational stability and community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public who live and work in Fulton County, have provided their input via public meetings and communications, including telephonic, electronic mail and otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is concerned that the American Rescue Plan Act dollars actually provide “real rescue” assistance to those in need in Fulton County who have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic, including small businesses; renters facing eviction; homeowners forced into foreclosure; families going hungry; government and other essential employees working under stress to keep others safe and well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County enacts the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Fulton County Implementation Plan” as provided and attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Fulton County shall prioritize funding of programs, services and projects with said American Rescue Plan Act dollars in the priorities as set out in the CIP; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager and the appropriate County staff to execute the CIP with the full intent of the Board of Commissioners in Resolution 21-0221 and this Resolution, and report back monthly on the County’s implementation of the CIP, including but not limited to funds received, funds expended, and operational data of each of the six priority areas.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

1           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
2 Georgia, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2021.

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13                                   Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner  
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36                                   Kaye Woodard Burwell, Interim County Attorney

**Board of Commissioners of Fulton County**  
**“American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**  
**Fulton County Implementation Plan”**

**Sponsored by Commissioners Abdur-Rahman (Dist. 6), Arrington (Dist. 5) and**  
**Hall (Vice Chair, Dist. 4)**  
**May 5, 2021**

**Pursuant to Board of Commissioners Resolution 21-0221, adopted by the Board on March 17, 2021, sponsored by Commissioners Abdur-Rahman of District 6; Arrington of District 5; and Hall (vice chair) of District 4** requiring that Fulton County “shall prioritize, utilize and set aside part of any federal Rescue funds for: (1) providing home-mortgage assistance to in-need homeowners; (2) premium pay increase for all full- and part-time County employees; (3) financial assistance to in-need small businesses with 30 or less employees; (4) youth-and-young-adult jobs programs; and (5) the arts community in Fulton County including programs and services; (6) Health Response, Operational Stability and Community Needs as identified by the County Manager’s Presentation on March 17, 2021;” and that “the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager and the appropriate County staff to establish a utilization and distribution plan consistent with the intent of this Resolution, and in conformance with the rules and guidelines evinced in the Act, and other such rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and other federal agencies with oversight and compliance of the Rescue Plan’s Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and that the County Manager report back with the said plan within 30 days for action by the Board of Commissioners[.]” **the Board of Commissioners enacts the following “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Fulton County Implementation Plan,” (“CIP”).**

The priorities of the CIP are listed in the order of priority below and the County shall implement the plan consistent with the priorities as enumerated by the Board of Commissioners below.

**I. HOME MORTGAGE RESCUE PLAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Fulton County shall allocate an amount of at least \$32.5 million to provide up to at least 2,500 Fulton County homeowners with mortgage assistance grants and utilities assistance, up to \$9,000 each, and up to 9 months of aid whichever comes first (amount or months), and reduce restrictive requirements that will limit number of recipients overall. The key requirements to receive a mortgage assistance grant shall be 1) proof of home mortgage; 2) an affidavit of declaration of need; 3) proof that homeowner resides at the property receiving grant assistance. Mortgages used solely as rental properties shall not qualify or receive any assistance under the CIP. Examples of need include, but are not limited to, forbearance, delinquent or past-due bills, and foreclosure notices, etc. No additional restrictive requirements are necessary for homeowners that meet the key three requirements.

**II. YOUTH AND YOUNG-ADULT JOBS RESCUE PLAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Fulton County shall allocate at least \$1,350,000 in 2021, and also in 2022, to provide summer jobs for up to 750 Fulton County participants in each year for a total allocation of at least \$2,700,000; increase the age eligibility to age 26; and the County shall utilize and collaborate with small businesses to be used for job placement in the private sector in addition to the County serving as an employer. The priority for placement shall go to Fulton County residents who are at-risk teens and at-risk young-adults in pandemic-injured areas, and those in

economically distressed areas as determined by U.S. Census Bureau, State of Georgia and Fulton County data to include at least the following zip codes: 30213, 30311, 30312, 30314, 30315, 30318, 30331, 30349, 30354.

### **III. FULTON COUNTY SMALL-BUSINESS RESCUE GRANTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Fulton County shall allocate at least \$5 million for a GRANTS assistance program in 2021, and also in 2022, (for a total allocation of at least \$10 million over two years) to increase the pool of applicants for grants. Grants shall be made available in amounts up to \$25,000 per small business with *30 employees or less*. Under the CIP it is estimated that up to at least 500 small businesses could be helped each year. The key requirements to receive a grant shall be 1) proof of a business license by a state or local governmental authority; 2) federal or state tax return; and 3) an affidavit of declaration of need which includes current number of employees. No additional restrictive requirements, e.g. training sessions, etc., shall be required for businesses meeting the key three requirements.

### **IV. FULTON COUNTY RESCUE PLAN EMPLOYEE PREMIUM PAY**

Fulton County shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$18 million to provide every employee of record as of May 5, 2021, despite their position or station, the same “life jacket” of a direct “American Rescue Plan Act Premium Payment” of \$3,000 each immediately upon funds received by the County from the U.S. Government under the American Rescue Plan Act.

### **V. FULTON COUNTY ARTS RESCUE PLAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Fulton County shall allocate an amount of at least \$2.5 million in 2021 and again in 2022 (for a two-year amount of at least \$5 million) to provide direct grants to Fulton County-based organizations, artists, and professionals in the craft and related arts-supporting entities, with direct grants to rescue those individuals and entities who have suffered due to the Coronavirus pandemic, of which at least 50 percent of the grants shall be set aside for small entities of 30 personnel or less. The County shall also allocate an amount of at least \$2.5 million in 2021 and again in 2022 (for a two-year amount of at least \$5 million) to provide low-interest, forgivable loans of which at least 50 percent shall be set aside for small entities of 30 personnel or less. The Fulton County Arts Rescue Plan Assistance Program shall assist Fulton County based, artists, nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations, arts & culture organizations, cultural institutions, colleges and universities, public and private schools, municipalities and units of government that produce or present arts programming open to the public.

### **VI. HEALTH RESPONSE, OPERATIONAL STABILITY AND COMMUNITY NEEDS**

After the above five priorities are satisfied within the constraints of reasonable and necessary fiscal management, (or concurrently if possible, with this priority number VI) the County shall implement the “Health Response, Operational Stability and Community Needs” as identified by the County Manager’s Presentation on March 17, 2021.