

1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND FULTON COUNTY'S CURRENT BUDGET TO  
2 INCREASE THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS  
3 AND CULTURE BASED ON CURRENT UNDERRUNS IN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL  
4 FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET; TO DIRECT IDENTIFICATION OF A RECURRING  
5 FUNDING SOURCE TO SUPPORT FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND  
6 CULTURE AT \$3,000,000 IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER  
7 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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32 WHEREAS, the legal level of control for Fulton County is the departmental level;  
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34 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture ("Department of  
35 Arts and Culture") was established in 1991 as a Fulton County department consisting of

36 full-time professional staff members who recommend policy to the Board of  
37 Commissioners on arts-related programs and administer Fulton County's arts programs,  
38 facilities, and contracts; and

39 **WHEREAS**, it is the function of the Department of Arts and Culture to pursue  
40 quality arts programming by supporting the development of local artists, arts  
41 organizations, arts institutions, and cultural programming for Fulton County residents;  
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43 **WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2025 via Item 25-0070, the Board of Commissioners  
44 of Fulton County ("BOC") adopted the fiscal year 2025 budget; and

45 **WHEREAS**, the fiscal year 2025 budget includes an allocation of \$6,090,899 for  
46 the Department of Arts and Culture; and

47 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Arts and Culture requires additional funding to  
48 provide necessary cultural programs and arts-related services to Fulton County  
49 residents through the Contracts for Services ("CFS") Program; and

50 **WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2025, the Finance Department presented the mid-year  
51 budget review via Item 25-0654, indicating that the County is currently projected to  
52 realize \$69 million in underruns in the fiscal year 2025 budget due to actual revenues  
53 exceeding estimates and actual expenditures being less than projected; and

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

57           **WHEREAS**, the BOC finds it to be in the best interests of the County to utilize a  
58   portion of the underruns to increase the departmental budget for the Department of Arts  
59   and Culture to fund the CFS Program.

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

64           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Finance Department is directed to identify  
65   a funding source within the fiscal year 2025 budget and to place the resulting budget  
66   amendment item on the agenda of the next Board of Commissioners meeting for  
67   approval.

68           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is to identify a recurring  
69   funding source to support funding the Department of Arts and Culture at \$3,000,000 in  
70   the fiscal year 2026 budget which shall be presented for consideration and approval by  
71   the Board of Commissioners.

72           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners will consider no  
73   further funding enhancements to any department for fiscal year 2025.

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

76           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,  
77   Georgia this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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