

1 A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING OF \$500,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
2 ACT ("ARPA") FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF WELLSRING LIVING'S EXPANSION AND
3 UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-DISCIPLINE SERVICE MODEL COVERING THE FULL
4 SPECTRUM OF NEEDS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXLOITATION; AUTHORIZING
5 THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
6 THIS FUNDING ALLOTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO
7 PREPARE THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT AND APPROVED SAME AS TO FORM
8 AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS THERETO PRIOR TO EXECUTION; AND FOR OTHER
9 PURPOSES.

10 WHEREAS, Wellspring Living is a non-profit organization in Atlanta, Georgia that
11 provides domestic sex trafficking victims and those at risk with specialized recovery
12 services through residential and community-based programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Wellspring Living's residential programs include, but not limited to, the
14 Girl's Residential Program, the Receiving Hope Center, and the Women's Residential
15 Program; and

16 WHEREAS, Wellspring Living's community programs include, but not limited to,
17 the Youth Academy and the Women's Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, Wellspring Living provides six Service Pillars, including, Therapy,
19 Education, Life Skills, Career Readiness, Basic Needs/Housing, and Case Management;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Wellspring Living also provides services leading toward living wage
22 employment and independence through three career tracks: GED Track, Career Track,
23 and Apprenticeship Track; and

24 WHEREAS, graduate services are provided by Wellspring Living via Graduate
25 Village/Bridge, Housing Vouchers, and Mentorship; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living provides a Training Institute, including Creating
2 Cutting Edge Training, Mentoring Emergency Organizations, and Replicating Nationally,
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living provides assistance with transportation, a clothing
5 boutique, a food pantry, childcare, basic needs, and food stamps; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living serves over 300 participants each year, with over
7 50% from Fulton County; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living provides internship programs for participants, of
9 which Fulton County has and does utilize on a continuing basis; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living continues to model and manifest healthy
11 relationships, and healing and hope for the entire community of survivors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, restorative practices are operated equitably and consistently leading
13 to practice habits of inclusion; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living provides certified training, organization leaders,
15 staff development, and participant support; and

16 **WHEREAS**, an Immersive Campus is provided by Wellspring Living, providing
17 layers of service, training and technical assistance, including residential care, transitional
18 housing for women and Families; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living works to provide graduates with housing options
20 that affirm dignity, respect, and recovery that further impact families' futures; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living is proven locally and replicated nationally; and

1 **WHEREAS**, “The Welcome Home Campaign” will create an immersive experience
2 utilizing Wellspring Living’s expertise and unique positioning to build a replicable,
3 sustainable, and collaborative solution for trafficked victims and those at risk; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County can assist Wellspring Living as they expand their 8-
5 acre campus, including tiny homes and other housing options; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Wellspring Living has been in existence for over 20 years, serving
7 thousands of program participants.

8 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 21-0221 on March
9 17, 2021 promulgating Fulton County’s acceptance of federal funds available to Fulton
10 County from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”)(H.R. 1319, 117th
11 Cong.)(2021); and

12 **WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2022, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”)
13 issued its "Final Rule", regarding the use of ARPA funds with guidelines, rules, and
14 directives to recipients of ARPA funds; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in its Final Rule, Treasury advises that the purpose of ARPA is to
16 provide a substantial infusion of resources to assist the pandemic response, including
17 rebuilding a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in its Final Rule, Treasury has determined that programs or services
19 that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness are
20 enumerated eligible uses directly responsive to the negative economic impacts
21 experienced by both disproportionately impacted and impacted households; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County Code of Laws (“FCC”) § 1-117 gives the Board of
23 Commissioners exclusive authority over the affairs of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to use a portion of Fulton County's ARPA funds to support the programs provided by Wellspring Living.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves funding in the amount of \$500,000 in ARPA funds to support Wellspring Living in the expansion of the services provided to victims of sexual exploitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners further directs the Department of Community Development to pursue additional federal funding to support the Welcome Home Wellspring project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary related to this funding, including the necessary contract with Wellspring Living for the services funded by the ARPA allotment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Attorney is directed to prepare the necessary agreement with Wellspring Living for the ARPA funding; provided that, prior to execution of any documents, the County Attorney shall also approve any and all documents as to form and make any necessary modifications thereto to protect the interest of the County.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 7th day of September 2022.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPONSORED BY:**

Bob Ellis, District 2

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Lee Morris, District 3

ATTEST:

Tonya Grier
Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Attorney

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