

1 **RESOLUTION TO AMEND FULTON COUNTY'S CURRENT APPROVED**
2 **FY2025 BUDGET BY APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE TOTAL BUDGET**
3 **PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE BY AN**
4 **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000.00 FOR THE CONTRACTS FOR**
5 **SERVICES ("CFS") PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF**
6 **SERVICES PROVIDED IN FY2024 AND RECENT YEARS; AND FOR OTHER**
7 **PURPOSES.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3 provides that counties have the authority
10 to adopt an ordinance to establish their own fiscal year and budget preparation
11 process; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County has determined
13 that it is in the best interest of Fulton County to have a streamlined budget
14 preparation process that provides the necessary legal requirements and removes
15 previous time consuming and burdensome practices; and

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

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

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

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

27 (3) The governing authority of a local government may amend the legal level

1 of control to establish a more detailed level of budgetary control at any time during
2 the budget period. Said amendment shall be adopted by ordinance or resolution;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the legal level of control for Fulton County is the departmental
5 level; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture
7 (“Department of Arts and Culture”) was established in 1991 as a Fulton County
8 department consisting of full-time professional staff members who recommend
9 policy to the Board of Commissioners on arts-related programs and administer
10 Fulton County’s arts programs, facilities, and contracts; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is the function of the Department of Arts and Culture to
12 pursue quality arts programming by supporting the development of local artists,
13 arts organizations, arts institutions, and cultural programming for Fulton County
14 residents; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Arts and Culture also serves as Fulton
16 County’s funding agency to support arts-related programs and services provided
17 by Fulton County-based nonprofit arts organizations to Fulton County residents
18 through the Contracts for Services (“CFS”) Program; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the CFS Program provides general operating and project
20 support to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations, arts and culture organizations,
21 cultural institutions, colleges, universities, and government units that produce or
22 present ongoing public arts programming for Fulton County citizens; and

23 **WHEREAS**, CFS funded programs have historically stimulated

1 neighborhood growth, supported economic development, and provided jobs; and

2 **WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2025, the Board of Commissioners approved
3 the FY2025 Final Adopted Budget and FY2025 Budget Resolution (the “FY2025
4 Final Budget”) through Agenda Item 25-0070; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the FY2025 Final Budget that was approved on January 29,
6 2025 includes a budget of \$6,090,899.00 for the Department of Arts and Culture;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, this budget of \$6,090,899.00 for the Department of Arts and
9 Culture does not include the requested \$1,700,000.00 budget enhancement to
10 fund the CFS Program; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Arts and Culture requires additional funding
12 in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 to provide necessary cultural programs and arts-
13 related services to Fulton County residents through the CFS Program; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that it has historically
15 approved the Department of Arts and Culture’s requested budget enhancements
16 for the CFS program; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has the financial ability to support additional
18 funding for the CFS program stemming from its practice of over estimating funding
19 requirements placed in non-agency contingencies, which often results in under-
20 runs in actual yearly expenditures; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds it to be in the best interests
22 of its residents to utilize a portion of the funds in Non-Agency and to utilize any
23 underruns that may occur in the 2025 budget to increase the Department of Arts

1 and Culture’s FY2025 budget by \$1,700,000.00 to fund the CFS Program.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of
3 Fulton County, Georgia, that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(d) and Fulton County
4 Code § 2-261, the Non-Agency line shall be reduced by \$1,700,000.00 and the
5 budget of the Department of Arts and Culture shall be increased by \$1,700,000.00
6 to fund the Contracts for Services (CFS) Program to maintain the level of services
7 provided in FY2024 and recent years.

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

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

14 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 5th day of February, 2025.

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