

1 A RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A YEARLY FULTON
2 COUNTY SUPPORTED GRANT PROGRAM DESIGNATED AS “THE FULTON
3 COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES GRANT” FOR THE
4 PURPOSE OF AWARDING GRANT FUNDING TO LOCAL TAX EXEMPT AND
5 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE PROGRAMS RELATED TO
6 THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC DISEASES,
7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SUCH AS
8 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, RESPONDING TO THE NEGATIVE
9 HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND FOR THE
10 PROMOTION OF HEALTH THROUGH FINANCIAL WELLNESS;
11 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING THE GRANT; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supports health
15 and wellness service programs throughout Fulton County, Georgia and deems
16 this support as vitally important to the public health, safety, and welfare of its
17 citizens; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County has historically supported community based
19 organizations and programs that addressed the health disparity, among other
20 needs, of children and adults, including through the Fulton Roundtable Expanded
21 Services Headquarters (“F.R.E.S.H”) grant program established in 1994, which
22 was eventually converted to the County’s Community Services Program (“CSP”);
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County staff have identified several programmatic
25 areas, not included in the County’s Community Services Program (“CSP”), for
26 which additional funding from Fulton County will help to support health and
27 wellness service nonprofit organizations who provide services within Fulton
28 County to include, but not be limited to, the prevention and treatment of chronic
29 disease, developmental and behavioral health and other medical conditions,

1 such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and for the related promotion of
2 financial wellness; and

3 **WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
4 chronic diseases such as: diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, stroke,
5 HIV/AIDS, and cancer are the leading causes of death and disability of
6 Americans, with six in ten Americans living with at least one chronic disease; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data show
8 that metropolitan Atlanta has the second highest rate of new HIV/AIDS infections
9 in the United States and the highest rate of new HIV/AIDS infections among
10 African American males; and

11 **WHEREAS**, developmental and behavioral health services include the
12 treatment and support of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness
13 and substance abuse; and

14 **WHEREAS**, other medical and preventative care services include yearly
15 check-ups, screenings, and immunizations, all of which are important to getting
16 and staying healthy and which can help avoid health problems and prevent minor
17 issues from becoming major health concerns; and

18 **WHEREAS**, financial wellness involves the process of learning how to
19 successfully manage financial expenses to limit financial stress, which is found to
20 be a common source of stress, anxiety, fear, and other adverse health related
21 issues; and

22 **WHEREAS**, to address these areas, the Board of Commissioners desires
23 to create and establish “The Fulton County Health and Wellness Services Grant”

1 dedicated to supporting programs related to chronic disease prevention and
2 treatment, behavioral health and other medical conditions, such as autism
3 spectrum disorder, and related wellness services, including those stemming from
4 inadequate financial capacity; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County receives funding from time-to-time from federal
6 grants for the above-referenced programs; however, the Board of
7 Commissioners has deemed it necessary to provide additional funding in support
8 of organizations that provide chronic disease prevention and treatment,
9 behavioral health and other medical conditions, such as autism spectrum
10 disorder, and wellness services; and

11 **WHEREAS**, funding for “The Fulton County Health and Wellness Services
12 Grant” will be supported through the County’s General Fund where such funding
13 is duly appropriated through the Board of Commissioners at its discretion;
14 provided however, that if any additional funding is awarded from the Federal
15 Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, then these federal funds
16 should be prioritized to be used for this grant program over General Fund dollars
17 to fund the grant program, to the extent such use is permissible under federal
18 regulations or guidance.

19 **WHEREAS**, a world-wide emergency has arisen with respect to a novel
20 coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“COVID-19”), which has rapidly spread
21 throughout the world and is having unprecedented adverse impacts on the
22 citizens and communities throughout Fulton County, Georgia, among others; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”)
2 was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
3 Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which together make up the
4 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) program; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a primary purpose of ARPA funding is to address the health
6 emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic along with the negative
7 economic impacts of the world-wide contagion; and

8 **WHEREAS**, where deemed eligible under guidance issued by the
9 Department of Treasury and as programed by Fulton County, the Board of
10 Commissioners desires to have The Fulton County Health and Wellness
11 Services Grant program, or any component thereof that meets the eligibility
12 requirements be funded from the SLFRP allotment of funding provided to Fulton
13 County under the ARPA program, along with General Fund dollars going forward
14 as budgeted in the sole discretion of the Board of Commissioners; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the organizations selected to provide services through the
16 process established for selection and award of “The Fulton County Health and
17 Wellness Services Grant” must provide these services within Fulton County,
18 Georgia; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of “The Fulton County Health and Wellness
20 Services Grant” program to be inclusive of making awards to a wide-range of tax-
21 exempt organizations or non-profits that offer or provide services in the health
22 and wellness field to the public, to include, but not be limited to, public and
23 private organizations; schools, colleges and universities; foundations; units,

1 departments, divisions or agencies of the State and local governments (e.g.,
2 municipalities); and entities established under Georgia laws to provide health and
3 wellness programs or services; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County Code of Laws (“FCC”) § 1-117 gives the Board
5 of Commissioners exclusive authority over the affairs of the County, and the
6 Board is authorized, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-1-19.1, to fund programs for
7 purely charitable purposes in the form of contract for services; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that it would be in the best
9 interest of the citizens of Fulton County to provide funding for The Fulton County
10 Health and Wellness Services Grant at a funding level that is consistent with and
11 reflective of the funding provided for the County’s F.R.E.S.H. grant program,
12 which amounted to approximately \$3,588,722.47 when the F.R.E.S.H grant
13 program was last funded in 2015.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of
15 Commissioners of Fulton County hereby creates and establishes “The Fulton
16 County Health and Wellness Services Grant” for the purpose of providing yearly
17 funding to organizations which provide services related to the prevention and
18 treatment of chronic diseases, behavioral health, financial wellness affecting
19 health, other medical conditions, such as autism spectrum disorder, as well as
20 related wellness services.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that “The Fulton County Health and
22 Wellness Services Grant” will be awarded by the Board of Commissioners

1 pursuant to “The Fulton County Health and Wellness Services Grant” application
2 process described in the attached Exhibit “A”.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that “The Fulton County Health and
4 Wellness Services Grant” process will be managed by the Department of
5 Community Development, Community Services Division, or as otherwise
6 designed by the County Manager.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that “The Fulton County Health and
8 Wellness Services Grant,” or any component thereof, shall be funded from
9 available SLFRP allotment of funding provided to Fulton County under the ARPA
10 program, where, deemed eligible under guidance issued by the Department of
11 Treasury and programmed by Fulton County, along with this grant program being
12 funded by General Fund dollars going forward as budgeted by the Board of
13 Commissioners in its sole discretion; provided however, that if any additional
14 funding is awarded from the Federal Government in response to the COVID-19
15 pandemic, then these federal funds should be prioritized to be used for this grant
16 program over General Fund dollars to fund the grant program, to the extent such
17 use is permissible under federal regulations or guidance.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Fulton County will aim to appropriate
19 an amount of not less \$3,588,722.47 each year in support of “The Fulton County
20 Health and Wellness Services Grant” or as otherwise may be approved by the
21 Board of Commissioners in its sole discretion.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the maximum amount awarded to any
23 organization from this specific program shall not exceed \$100,000 during the

1 funding cycle; provided that nothing herein is intended to prevent an organization
2 from receiving additional funding from any other program or sources of funds,
3 including from Fulton County.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the program will seek to be inclusive
5 in making awards to a wide-range of tax-exempt organizations or non-profits that
6 offer or provide services in the health and wellness field to the public, to include,
7 but not be limited to, public and private organizations; schools, colleges and
8 universities; foundations; units, departments, divisions or agencies of the State
9 and local governments (e.g., municipalities); and entities established under
10 Georgia laws to provide health and wellness programs or services.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that “The Fulton County Health and
12 Wellness Services Grant” shall be continuous in nature as a yearly grant program
13 funded from General Fund dollars.

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

17 **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this _____ day of September, 2021.

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20 **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**
21 **COMMISSIONERS**

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23 **SPONSORED BY:**
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28 Natalie Hall, Vice-Chair
29 District 4

1 **ATTEST:**

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6 Tonya R. Grier
7 Clerk to the Commission
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9 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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14 Kaye Woodard Burwell
15 Interim County Attorney
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18 Grant.additional changes.clean version.doc

EXHIBIT A

The Fulton County Health and Wellness Services Grant Application Process

A. Background

1. Funding will support health-related programs focusing on chronic disease prevention and treatment, behavioral health, financial wellness impacting health, and other medical conditions, such as autism spectrum disorder.
2. The County will allocate funds to eligible non-profit 501(c)(3) service providers, providing services within Fulton County, Georgia, who submit a complete, successful application.
3. To be considered, applicants must submit a complete response as outlined in the actual application that is released. This application will be created by County staff as designated by the Office of County Manager.
4. To be eligible, a non-profit, service provider must supply goods or services to individuals and programs within Fulton County.
5. It is the goal of The Fulton County Health and Wellness Services Grant program to be inclusive of making awards to a wide-range of tax-exempt organizations or non-profits that offer or provide services in the health and wellness field to the public, to include, but not limited to; public and private organizations; schools, colleges and universities; foundations; units, departments, divisions or agencies of the State and local governments (e.g., municipalities); and entities established under Georgia laws to provide health and wellness programs or services.

B. Application Process

1. A public notice of available funds will be announced using the County's procurement process. An applicant's responses must include the appropriate and requested information in sufficient detail to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and abilities to provide the proposed services within Fulton County, Georgia.
2. Upon receipt, the application will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee comprising of at least one (1) member from each of the County departments and programs involved in the program areas, or as determined by the Office of the County Manager.

C. Application Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

The program must have:

- a. A well-defined plan and objective
- b. An administrative infrastructure and clear distribution of responsibilities
- c. Collaboration with support groups or local contributing organizations, corporations, municipalities, etc. to assist the organization in addressing needs
- d. Careful and thorough evaluation of the program to reflect innovative, accountable, and cost-effective programming.

The project must focus on one or more of the following:

- a. Serving individuals where social services and resources are sparse within these program areas: chronic disease prevention and treatment, behavioral health, financial wellness impacting health, and other medical and preventative services; and/or
- b. Contributing to a better quality of life for individuals within these program areas: chronic disease prevention and treatment, behavioral health, financial wellness impacting health, and other medical and preventative services; and/or
- c. Strengthening programmatic resources and management of services; and/or
- d. Recommending referrals of qualified service providers and tailored plans/solutions for individuals within these program areas: chronic disease prevention and treatment, behavioral health, financial wellness impacting health, and other medical and preventative services.
- e. Were applicable, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

D. Evaluation Proposals

The evaluation of applications consists of three components:

1. Initial eligibility review
 - a. Applications that comply with submittal criteria and content requirements will be reviewed and scored.
 - i. The eligibility review is initiated by the Fulton County Purchasing Department who ensures the proper and timely submission of the proposals by the deadline.
 - ii. The eligibility review continues with the Evaluation Committee which shall ensure that the application includes the required information as outlined in the application.
2. Evaluation of Application
 - a. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate applications based on the criteria set forth in the application.
 - b. The Evaluation Committee shall produce its list of recommended awardees and submit this list to the County Manager for placement on the Board of Commissioners agenda for consideration and award.
3. Fulton County Board of Commissioners
 - a. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners receives the proposed funding package for review, questions and answers, and takes final action at the designated meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

E. Funding Disbursements

- a. Health and Wellness Services grant funding is non-recurring. Disbursement of funds will be contingent upon providers being in compliance with the terms of the contract, which each selected organization must execute.

F. Reporting Requirements

- a. Each funded agency is required to submit a report of performance and required supportive documentation. The Performance Report is a performance measurement tool administered to assist with monitoring program performance and contract compliance. Report due date will be specified in the contract. Funded agencies will receive guidelines for reporting. Failure to adhere to the program report requirements will delay additional payments on a contract and give cause to reject a request for continuation of funds.

G. Program Monitoring

- a. Staff from the Office of the County Manager or designated department will conduct an agency/program grant compliance site visit to monitor contract compliance of operations, programming, and services.

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