



# Fulton County

## Legislation Text

File #: 23-0181, Version: 1

### Department

Finance

### Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

The Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services operates a federally funded Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Finance is requesting Board authorization to continue to contractually participate in the program which will allow eligible Fulton County water and sewer customers to enroll, as approved by the Board of Commissioners last year. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

Approve attached form of contract to allow continued program participation

### Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Open and Responsible Government

### Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

### Is this a purchasing item?

No

### Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

**Scope of Work:** The LIHWAP is currently managed within Fulton County by the Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (FACAA), in which Atlanta residents currently can enroll and receive financial assistance to pay water and sewer bills. Board approval would expand the program to eligible Fulton County water and sewer customers. Online enrollment, eligibility verification, and program management is facilitated by FACAA, and would require minimal support from Fulton County Water and Sewer billing division. Program requirements are contained on FACAA's website and includes eligible income levels based on number of persons in the household and other required documentation for the program. No cost would be incurred by the County but would provide both necessary financial assistance to program participants as well as additional

revenues to the County's Water and Sewerage system.

**Community Impact:** Would allow eligible residents to continue to take advantage of the State of Georgia program for water bill assistance

**Department Recommendation:** Recommend approval

**Project Implications:** None

**Community Issues/Concerns:** None

**Department Issues/Concerns:** None