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FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FULTON COUNTY AWARDS GRANTS FOR ARTISTS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PUBLIC ENTITIES

Providing Support for a Stable and Strong Emergence from the Pandemic

ATLANTA, GA, – The Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved \$1.3 million in funding through the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture Contracts for Services Program (CFS). Funding was approved to provide support for 145 non-profit organizations, public entities, and individual artists. The contracted services include programs, events, and activities proposed to occur between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021.

The Contracts for Services funding program provides unrestricted general operating and project support to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations, arts and cultural organizations, cultural institutions, colleges and universities, individuals artists, as well as units of government that produce or present ongoing arts programming open to the public.

Newly appointed Director of Arts and Culture David Manuel said, "with the support of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, The Arts Council and the CFS Staff; we are pleased to be a leader in public funding for the arts in the State of Georgia. Our Fulton County residents are exposed and participate in many arts offerings that provide a better quality of life for all."

CFS applicants are reviewed and awarded using the following competitive evaluation criteria, artistic merit, service to the community and field, organizational effectiveness, and accessibility. A five-tier evaluation process includes staff review, peer panel advisory professionals representing all artistic categories, allocations budget committee, Arts Council, and final approval by the Board of Commissioners. During this cycle, the organizations awarded funding are projected to serve more than four million people in Fulton County.

Artists, cultural institutions, municipalities, non-profits, schools, and universities throughout Fulton County are encouraged to apply annually for participation in the CFS Program through the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture. For more information on arts and culture opportunities in Fulton County and the Contracts for Services program, please visit www.fultonarts.org.

2021 Contracts for Service Awards list [here](#).

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Fulton County Arts and Culture (FCAC) is a cultural leader in Fulton County and the most significant public funder of the arts in Georgia. The FCAC assists the Fulton County Commission in developing public policy on public support for the arts industry, makes recommendations to Fulton County Commissioners on funding the arts, and oversees the development and implementation of publicly

assisted programs that address diverse diversity cultural needs of Fulton County's citizenry. Through the work of three community art centers, the contracts for services art funding, the public art program, and arts education programs, the FCAC strives to better the lives of Fulton County residents.

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