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Emergency jail funding approved for lifesaving technology & upgraded sanitation

Atlanta, GA – Sheriff Patrick “Pat” Labat Fulton would like to thank the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for their approval of emergency funding, required to address urgent safety and health concerns at the Fulton County Jail.

Sheriff Labat’s original request for this budget year was \$211 million dollars, with a final approval of \$143 million.

Today, Sheriff Labat asked the BOC to take immediate action to help close that gap by approving just over \$8.3 million in emergency funding, which will be deployed to address urgent needs at the Rice Street facility including, but not limited to:

- Implementation of the Talitrix system that Sheriff Labat announced on February 17, 2023 (www.talitrix.com) in the medical and psychiatric observation units. The wearable wristband technology allows biometric monitoring and automatically alerts medical and custody staff in the event low blood pressure, elevated heart rates or other medical complications.
- Biweekly, clinical grade cleaning and decontamination of the medical and psychiatric observation units.
- 4D imaging of all incoming mail at the Fulton County Jail to detect the presence of narcotics.
- Additional cameras to provide real-time surveillance of movement within a jail, with specific emphasis on blind spots in the medical and observation units. These cameras

also have the capability to work in conjunction with the Talitrix wearable wristbands to automatically adjust the camera's view upon receiving an alert from the wristband.

- Engaging a new healthcare provider

On April 18, the current medical provider terminated its agreement with Fulton County for the provision of inmate healthcare services. The Fulton County Sheriff's Office is currently reviewing proposals to secure a medical provider that is capable of meeting and committed to providing the standard of care required in a large jail setting with efficiency, consistency, and compassion.

“I want to make it clear that this finding request is yet another temporary band-aid to help address the long-standing crisis at the Fulton County jail,” says Fulton County Sheriff Patrick “Pat” Labat. “We have an urgent need for a new Criminal Justice Complex that will not only give us access to better technology that will help alleviate staffing shortages and other concerns but will also provide a more permanent solution for the dangerous overcrowding at the dilapidated Rice St. facility. These needs are not new. They have been overlooked for a very long time. I'm asking anyone and everyone who wants to be a part of the solution and who believes in common sense reforms to help improve the health and safety of inmates and staff at the Fulton County jail to take a moment today to email or call the members of the Board of Commission to voice your support. <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/commissioners>”

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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