



### **Agenda Action Form Overview**

Authorize the County Manager to execute an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Durham governing the development of a new Durham Cultural Roadmap by the Durham Cultural Advisory Board. The amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement will extend the date of the agreement until December 30, 2027, to complete all activities related to this project including presenting to Boards and Commissions and initial implementation of the plan

### **Background/Justification**

On October 2, 2022, the Board suspended the rules and voted to authorize the County Manager to execute the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with the City of Durham governing the development of a new Durham Cultural Roadmap by the Durham Cultural Advisory Board.

In June 2022, the City and County each allocated \$150,000 (\$300,000 total) in FY23 funding to support the creation of a cultural plan for Durham. On October 3, 2022, the City and County approved the Cultural Roadmap ILA authorizing the City to develop the Durham Cultural Roadmap in partnership with the DCAB. By April 2024, the City and County, with AMS Planning and Research, heard from over 1,300 residents through interviews, surveys, focus groups and events. This engagement resulted in the Durham Cultural Roadmap Phase I Report, completed in late April 2024. Following Phase I completion, the City and AMS Planning and Research ended the consultant contract through the Termination for Convenience. In September 2024, the City published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for cultural planning services for Phase II and Phase III and is proposing to enter a contract with MJR Partners, LLC (Consultant) to engage with the community and develop a cultural plan.

### **Policy Impact**

The Cultural Roadmap planning process implemented by DCAB will heavily mirror established best practices implemented regionally and nationally when designing and implementing cultural planning processes, including soliciting consultants with subject matter expertise to bolster volunteer and staff resources dedicated to plan development. DCAB and City staff concur that the new Cultural Roadmap must be predicated on identifying resiliency strategies that center diversity, equity, and inclusion, and that address the needs of the broader Durham community, as well as the needs of the spectrum of entities and individuals comprising Durham's cultural arts sector.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The DCAB proposes to utilize \$300,000 in total funding with both the City and County having a 50/50 split totaling \$150K each. allocated jointly by the City and County as outlined in the proposed ILA. The General Services Department, through the Cultural and Public Program, as the departmental designee assigned to support the DCAB will be responsible for fiscal management and reporting consistent with current operating procedures. The amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement will extend the date of the agreement until December 30, 2027.

### **Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute the first amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Durham governing development of the Durham Cultural Roadmap. The amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement would extend the date of the agreement until December 30, 2027, to complete all activities related to this project including presenting to Boards and Commissions and initial implementation of the plan.

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