

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2020-01

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2020

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Domestic Violence Department – Continuum of Care

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in order to provide \$68,076 to the Community Services Fund – Domestic Violence Department to record the grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of a Continuum of Care grant to provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** January 7, 2020

**Consideration scheduled on:** January 21, 2020

By:   
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by January 7, 2020 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on January 21, 2020.

By:   
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

**Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Domestic Violence Department – Continuum of Care**

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the  
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2020; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held  
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2020; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 4, 2019, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Services Fund –  
8 Domestic Violence Department revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the following amount:  
9 the addition of \$68,076 in grant revenue and expense to the Community Services Fund – Domestic  
10 Violence Department operating budget to record the award from the United States Department of  
11 Housing and Urban Development for a Continuum of Care grant for victims of domestic violence; and

12           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$68,076 of grant funding for the County  
13 to effectively provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence who are homeless or are fleeing  
14 from the abuse. The assistance consists of short term housing, meaning rent can be paid for from  
15 three to six months. Participants are offered and encouraged to take advantage of the services  
16 provided at The Bridge. Home inspections are conducted prior to any participants receiving final  
17 approval to ensure the units are safe and up to code. Once being accepted into the program,  
18 participants are offered information about budgeting and receive follow up phone calls.


19           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
20 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
21 Year 2020 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current Budget  
22 to appropriate additional expenditures in the Community Services Fund – Domestic Violence  
23 Department to record the grant award of \$68,076 from the United States Department of Housing and  
24 Urban Development for the purpose of a Continuum of Care grant to provide rental assistance to  
25 victims of domestic violence.

26           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that  
27 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

28 **INTRODUCED: January 7, 2020**

**ADOPTED: January 21, 2020**

Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Domestic Violence Department – Continuum of Care

  
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President of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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Council Manager



## CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

**SPONSOR:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 01-2020 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – GRANT FUNDS – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT – CONTINUUM OF CARE**

**SYNOPSIS:** A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide \$68,076 to the Community Services Fund – Domestic Violence Department to record the grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of a Continuum of Care grant to provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The grant award of \$68,076 received by the County will be used to provide funding for rapid rehousing to victims of domestic violence per the guidelines set forth by HUD.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

As part of the consolidation of the Department of Social Services Domestic Violence Programs with the County's Department of Community Services, a grant supporting rapid rehousing of victims of domestic violence was transitioned from DSS to the County.

The Continuum of Care grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development provides the necessary funding for rental assistance to victims who are homeless or are fleeing from abuse. The grant supports short term housing in the form of rent for a temporary 3 to 6 month period. Once the victims are accepted in the program and placed in a home, they are encouraged to avail themselves of the additional services that are provided by The Bridge.