

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-11

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2020

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Health Department – Coronavirus Pandemic

**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 a total of \$16,199,744 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund-Health Department to record the grant made available under section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), allocated to the State of Maryland from the United States Department of the Treasury for the purpose of aiding local governments with expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Introduced and ordered posted on:** June 9, 2020

**Scheduled for consideration on:** June 16, 2020

By:   
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by June 9, 2020 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on June 16, 2020.

By:   
Council Manager

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## Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Health Department – Coronavirus Pandemic

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the County  
2 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 Special Revenue Other Grants Fund  
8 – Health Department revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the following amount: the addition of  
9 \$16,199,744 in grant revenue and expense to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Health Department  
10 grants operating budget in order to provide the necessary CARES Act funding to help Cecil County with  
11 expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

12           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$16,199,744 in funding to be used in Cecil  
13 County per the guidelines established of the federal government to cover expenses directly related to  
14 combating the spread of COVID-19 in Cecil County from the period March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020;  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, the grant money awarded to Cecil County is awarded in two parts. The first half of the  
17 funding is being held by the local health department, and the second half of the funding is being held by  
18 the County. The available grant funding is to include expenditures of Cecil County Government, the  
19 Department of Social Services, the volunteer fire service and all towns and municipalities located within  
20 Cecil County.

21           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
22 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
23 Year 2020 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current Budget to  
24 appropriate \$16,199,744 in additional expenditures in the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Health  
25 Department to record the grant from the United States Department of the Treasury for the purpose of  
26 aiding Cecil County with expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.


27           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by  
28 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Health Department – Coronavirus Pandemic

**INTRODUCED:** June 9, 2020

**ADOPTED:** June 16, 2020

  
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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

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The costs the County has incurred related to COVID-19 were unplanned, unbudgeted expenditures in the FY2020 budget. The CARES Act funding will allow the County, the towns and the volunteer fire service to be reimbursed for the expenditures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

On April 16, 2020, the County received a letter from David Brinkley, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, advising all counties that the State of Maryland was awarded \$2.34 billion dollars from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the CARES Act. The letter notified Cecil County that the share of CARES Act funding for Cecil County was \$16,199,744, and would be made available to the County through the local health departments. Ultimately the decision was made to leave the first half with the local health department and the second half to be sent directly to the county.

The County has been working with the health department, the Department of Social Services, the volunteer fire service and the municipalities to allow each agency to submit and be reimbursed for COVID-19 related expenses.

The County's proposed use of funds provided by the CARES Act, will only be used to cover:

- a. Expenses that are necessary and incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019.
- b. Expenses were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the County or any sub-recipient.
- c. The expenses were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Any funds provided through the CARES Act cannot be used as a revenue replacement for lower than expected tax or other revenues collected by a governmental entity.