

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-14

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2020

Title of Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Award – Broadband Expansion

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 in order to provide a total of \$413,758 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Department of Land Use and Development Services to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband for the purpose of bringing internet access to underserved areas of Cecil County.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: July 7, 2020

Scheduled for consideration on: July 21, 2020

By: 
Council Manager

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

By: 
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Award – Broadband Expansion

1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2020, the County
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2021; 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 2021; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on May 19, 2020, the
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2021; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2021 Special Revenue Other Grants Fund
8 – Department of Land Use and Development Services revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the
9 following amount: the addition of \$413,758 in grant revenue and expense to the Special Revenue Other
10 Grants Fund – Department of Land Use and Development Services operating budget to provide for the
11 grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor’s Office of
12 Rural Broadband awarded to Cecil County; and

13 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$413,758 in program funding to allow for the
14 expansion of internet access to underserved areas of Cecil County. The grant requires a 50/50 match from
15 the County, which in some instances will be offset by the internet partner who provides service in close
16 proximity to the area of the project.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
18 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal
19 Year 2021 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current Budget to
20 appropriate \$413,758 in additional expenditures in the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Department
21 of Land Use and Development Services to record the incentive awarded from the Maryland Department of
22 Housing and Community Development, the Governor’s Office of Rural Broadband for the purpose of
23 bringing internet access to underserved areas in Cecil County.

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

INTRODUCED: July 7, 2020

ADOPTED: July 21, 2020

ATTEST:

James Massey
Council Manager


President of the Council



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2020 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – SPECIAL REVENUE OTHER GRANTS DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – RURAL BROADBAND

SYNOPSIS: A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 in order to provide a total of \$413,758 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Department of Land Use and Development Services to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband for the purpose of bringing internet access to underserved areas of Cecil County.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2021. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband has awarded Cecil County \$413,758 to put broadband infrastructure in underserved areas of the County.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The addition of \$413,758 in grant revenue and expense within the Special Revenue-Other Grant's Fund will allow the County to expand Broadband in Cecil County. The goal of DHCD is to aid counties experiencing broadband infrastructure deficits by supporting implementation of solutions to the problem of delivering broadband internet to unserved rural residents and businesses. The State will fund 50% of each project. The County is responsible for the other 50%. Except for the project in Fair Hill, the 50% match is being supported by the partner in the closest proximately to the area being served. The attached chart shows the breakdown of each project:

Cecil County Government

Summary of Responses to Governor's Office of Rural Broadband October 2019 RFI

<i>Location</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>State Contribution</i>	<i>County Contribution</i>	<i>Partner Contribution</i>
Maryland Five Star at Fair Hill (includes p/o Big Elk Chapel Rd, Telegraph Rd, and Gallaher Rd)	Armstrong	\$298,651	\$149,325.50	\$149,325.50	0
Irishtown Rd, Evergreen Ln, and Spring Hill Ln (North East, MD)	Comcast	\$129,030	\$64,515	\$32,257.50	\$32,257.50
McKinneytown Rd (North East, MD)	Comcast	\$275,834	\$137,917	\$68,958.50	\$68,958.50
Middleneck Rd and Old Telegraph Rd (Warwick, MD)	Bloosurf	124,000	\$62,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
Grand Totals		\$827,515	\$413,757.50	\$281,541.50	\$132,216