

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2020

Title of Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Broadband Expansion – Fair Hill Area

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 to authorize the Department of Land Use and Development Services budget, within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority of a County match to the Rural Broadband Grant of \$150,000 to be expended by investing in County broadband infrastructure in the area of Big Elk Chapel Road, Telegraph Road and Gallaher Road that will provide the necessary internet access for the Maryland Five Star Event at Fair Hill.

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 – Fund Balance – Broadband Expansion – Fair Hill Area

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 revenue estimate for Cecil County
8 to increase use of the Assigned Fund Balance from FY2019 for a grant match of \$150,000 to support
9 Broadband infrastructure in the area of Big Elk Chapel Road, Telegraph Road and Gallaher Road, which will
10 provide the necessary internet access for the Maryland Five Start Event at Fair Hill. The funds will match
11 50/50 a grant from the Governor’s Office of Rural Broadband. The County Executive decided to assign
12 fund balance when the FY2019 financials were completed and funds were available to investment in the
13 continued need for internet access in all unserved areas of the County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$150,000 of the County Executive’s FY2019
15 assigned fund balance for the General Fund for expenditures.

16 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
17 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal
18 Year 2021 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current Budget to
19 appropriate \$150,000 of additional expenditures in the General Fund to the Department of Land Use and
20 Development Services’ budget.

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

INTRODUCED: July 7, 2020

ADOPTED: July 21, 2020

ATTEST:

Council Manager


President of the Council



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

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

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FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on Cecil County of \$150,000, by expending the FY2019 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the expansion of Broadband infrastructure to the underserved areas of Cecil County.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The need for Broadband infrastructure in all parts of the County is a critical need now more than ever before. The County was approached about the need for internet access in the area of Fair Hill to serve the Maryland Five Star Event. The State of Maryland suggested the County apply for grant funds to put in the infrastructure to serve the unserved area and Fair Hill. The County was awarded \$149,325.50 or 50% of the total cost of the project (\$298,651) by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband to complete the project of broadband infrastructure in the area of Big Elk Chapel Road, Telegraph Road & Gallaher Road. The infrastructure will allow for internet access at the Maryland Five Star Event.