



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

BILL NO. 2017-19 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – WASTEWATER CAPITAL BUDGET – TRANSFER UNSPENT BOND FUNDS FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS.

SYNOPSIS: A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Wastewater Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$386,000 from completed Wastewater Capital Projects (Repair Carpenters Point Sewer Trenches \$102,736 & Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer \$283,264) to the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Meadowview, Cherry Hill, Highlands Project.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have no net financial effect on the Capital Improvement Program of Cecil County. The bill transfers existing bond appropriation authority and decreases the size of certain completed capital projects to their final costs and requests that the unused bond funds be transferred to the Inflow & Infiltration Meadowview, Cherry Hill, Highlands Project.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Two projects within the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program were completed under budget.

1. Repair Carpenter's Point Sewer Trenches: Savings were due to bids lower than engineer's estimate.
2. Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer: Savings were realized due to lower bids than the engineer's estimate. Once the project was bid, a portion of the work was completed ahead of schedule and the County has able to recognize inspection savings due to the shortened project time line. Additional savings were realized due to budgeted contingent items not being necessary to complete the project.

The bond funds borrowed by an Enterprise fund must be utilized by the Enterprise Fund. The funds remaining on the projects mentioned above are bond funds and were borrowed in a previous bond issue. The Department of Public Works contends that the priority one work that needs attention within the Meadowview Sanitary Sewer System is the project that should receive and ultimately spend the bonds. It has been difficult for the department to find a contractor with the expertise to do the work. The current solicitation has been successful and the needs at Meadowview are greater than the current budget. It is advantageous for the County to increase the budget for the Inflow and Infiltration Meadowview, Cherry Hill, Highlands project to complete the most serve structural deficiencies that were found during inspection of the system.