



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2018 – USE OF ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO FUND VFS VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

SYNOPSIS: A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department’s budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$100,000 to be expended for the County’s match portion towards the Vehicle Replacement Program.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on the Cecil County of \$100,000, by expending the FY2018 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the Volunteer Fire Company Vehicle Replacement Program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The FY2018 Adopted Budget has the following listing of expenditures for the Volunteer Fire Service (VFS) Vehicle Replacement Program:

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	MAINTENANCE FOR STRETCHERS - 24 UNITS, (3 BARIATRIC, 21 STAIRCHAIR) 10% POTENTIAL INCREASE		20,000
	RADIO MAINTENANCE FIRE COMPANIES		58,400
	PHYSIO CONTROL MAINT CONTRACT		61,875
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - PERRYVILLE VFC		100,000
	AMBULANCE		
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - SINGERLY AMBULANCE		100,000
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - NORTH EAST		100,000
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	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - WATER WITCH TANKER (GRANT MATCH)		25,000

It is within the power of the County Executive to determine if funds need to be set aside to benefit and/or safeguard the County against the risk of large unbudgeted expenditures. In FY2018 budget, the VFS Vehicle Replacement Program was provided funding for the \$100,000 match for North East Fire Company to purchase an ambulance. The fire company was unable to secure the purchase prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The constraints of the FY2019 Budget did not allow the County to fund the entire equipment request for new fire company vehicles. The County Executive has stated going forward he would do what was fiscally reasonable for the County to do to help the VFC’s in this area. The first of which is to hold the VFS harmless and assign the funding that they were budgeted and did not use in FY2018 and make it available for their use in FY2019. The funding will remain assigned until expended.

Although the County Executive has the power to assign fund balance, the Council, per Charter, must approve changes to the approved budget.