

# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

#### **FISCAL IMPACT NOTE**

## **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2019 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – SPECIAL REVENUE OTHER GRANTS MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY – FY2020 SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT GRANT

**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 \$15,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund -Sheriff's Office to record the award of the FY2020 School Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant to Cecil County.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The grant award of \$15,000 awarded to the County will be used to offset personnel costs associated with monitoring school bus safety in Cecil County.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) serves as an independent unit of State government providing grants, training, and support to public, non-public special education, and private schools throughout Maryland. The MCSS was established in 2013 to provide a coordinated and comprehensive approach to school safety in Maryland. In 2018, the Governor and General Assembly worked together to enact comprehensive school safety legislation (Safe to Learn Act 2018) and Maryland continues to be a leader in school safety initiatives.

In FY2020, MCSS offered School Traffic Safety Enforcement Grants to Law Enforcement Agencies in Maryland to help local agencies with the following issues:

## A. School Bus Safety

- a. Funding for overtime for officers to address the problem of drivers who fail to stop for school bus vehicles in problem areas will continue to be provided.
  - b. Public Service Announcements to educate the public and promote bus safety awareness.

## B. Pedestrian Safety

- a. Funding for overtime for officers to address the problem of drivers and pedestrians who fail to obey pedestrian safety laws.
- b. Public Service Announcements to educate the public and promote pedestrian safety awareness.

## C. School Zone Speed Enforcement

- a. Funding for overtime for officers to address the problem of drivers who fail to observe the speed limit within a school zone.
- b. Public Service Announcements to educate the public and promote reducing speeds in school zones during school hours.
- D. Other School Traffic Safety Enforcement Programs and other School Related Traffic Safety educational materials.

The budget awarded the Sheriff's Office breaks down as the following:

Maryland Center for School Safety

Overtime 13,084.00
Workers Comp 915.00
FICA 1,001.00
15,000.00