



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2019 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – GRANT FUNDS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT –SEX TRAFFICKING

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 \$93,812 to the Community Services Fund – Domestic Violence Department to record the grant award from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) for the purpose of funding the Cecil County Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Project.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The grant award of \$93,812 awarded to the County will be used to per the budget that was approved by the GOCCP that includes one position and other related program expenses.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention released a Notice of Funding Availability for the Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act Regional Navigator Program Grant. This grant is designed to provide comprehensive services for child victims of sex trafficking in Maryland, outlined in the Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act of 2019, and signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan in May of 2019.

“This pilot addresses the issue of human trafficking and the impact on young people in Maryland,” said Glenn Fueston, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention. “This grant will provide organizations more support in providing victim-centered, trauma informed services for young sex trafficking victims as they begin healing from past trauma and abuse.”

The State made available \$400,000 in funds for the Regional Navigator pilot program utilizing a competitive grant process, of which Cecil County was awarded \$93,812. The funds will be allocated by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention over the course of one year, from the Victims of Crime Assistance grant program administered by the federal Office of Justice Programs, Office for

Victims of Crime. This pilot will allow the GOCCP close evaluation of program development and effectiveness, as well as any improvements needed before the program is implemented statewide.

The Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act of 2019 requires law enforcement and local departments of social services to notify a Regional Navigator when they encounter a young person whom they have reason to believe could be a victim of sex trafficking to connect them with necessary services. A victim is eligible to receive assistance until age 24. This stream of grant funding will help Cecil County as well as the State, establish the program as outlined in the Governor’s Act of 2019.

The budget submitted and approved by the GOCCP is as follows:

Cecil County Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Project				
	Grant Funds	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Total Award
Personnel	\$ 72,600.00	\$23,625.00	\$ -	\$ 96,225.00
Operating Expenses	612.00			612.00
Travel	1,600.00			1,600.00
Contractual Services	7,000.00			7,000.00
Equipment				
Other	12,000.00			12,000.00
Grant Total	\$ 93,812.00	\$23,625.00	\$ -	\$ 117,437.00
<u>Personnel</u>				
Child Sex Trafficking Navigator Salary: \$57,000				
Child Sex Trafficking Navigator Fringe: \$15,600				
CPS/Forensic Interviewer cash match: \$23,625				
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
		County issued cell phone: \$612		
<u>Travel</u>				
<u>Contractual Services</u>				
Hotel accommodations: \$646		Legal services: \$5,000		
Mileage: \$524		Taxi services: \$2,000		
Tolls: \$100				
Meals and incidentals: \$330				
<u>Other</u>				
Career development/educational programs: \$8,000				
Registration fees: \$1,000				
Clothing, Supplies: \$2,000				
Outreach materials: \$1,000				