

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2019-24

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2019

Title of Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Volunteer Fire Service – 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, 2020 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department’s budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$575,000 to be expended for the County’s match portion towards the Vehicle Replacement Program.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: December 17, 2019

Consideration scheduled on: January 7, 2020

By: 
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by December 17, 2019 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on January 7, 2020.

By: 
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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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Vehicle Replacement Program

1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2020; 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 2020; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 4, 2019, the
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 revenue estimate for Cecil
8 County to increase use of the Assigned Fund Balance for Volunteer Fire Service Vehicle Replacement by
9 \$575,000 to allow the following appropriation within the General Fund: the addition of \$575,000 in
10 expenditures for the Volunteer Fire Service Vehicle Replacement Program. The FY2020 Approved
11 Budget for the replacement program was funded in the amount of \$450,000. There were additional
12 equipment replacement requests submitted for FY2020 that were not funded, but in need of
13 replacement. (Singerly VFC – engine \$325,000, Water Witch VFC–ambulance \$125,000 and North East–
14 ambulance \$125,000) The County Executive has decided to assign fund balance when the FY2019
15 financials were completed and funds were available to fully fund the FY2020 request; and

16 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$575,000 of the County Executive’s
17 FY2019 assigned fund balance for the General Fund for expenditures.

18 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
19 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for
20 Fiscal Year 2020 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation and by amending the Current
21 Budget to appropriate \$575,000 of additional expenditures in the General Fund to the Volunteer Fire
22 Service Department’s budget.

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

INTRODUCED: December 17, 2019

ADOPTED: January 7, 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 the Cecil County of \$575,000, by expending the FY2019 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the Volunteer Fire Company Vehicle Replacement Program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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. The constraints of the FY2020 Budget did not allow the County to fund the entire equipment request for new fire company vehicles (see below - total FY2020 request). The County Executive stated in conversations with the VFC’s, going forward he would do what was fiscally reasonable for the County to do to help the fund equipment replacements. The completion of the FY2019 financials proved to have sufficient funds available to appropriate additional budget to the VFC’s in order to completely fund the FY2020 request. The funds 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.

FY2020 Volunteer Fire Company – Vehicle Replacement Request

GL Account	GL Account Description	2018 Actual	2019 Original Budget	2020 Appr. Budget	Dollar Increase or Decrease	Percent Change
00135100 507900 VFIRE	MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	450,000	450,000	- %
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - CECILTON VFC AMBULANCE			125,000		
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - WATER WITCH VFC AMBULANCE			125,000		
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - NORTH EAST VFC AMBULANCE			125,000		
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - HACKS POINT VFC ENGINE			325,000		
	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT MATCH PROGRAM - SINGLERLY VFC ENGINE			325,000		
	REDUCE PER CE - SINGERLY ENGINE			(325,000)		
	REDUCE PER CE - WATER WITCH AMBULANCE			(125,000)		
	REDUCE PER CE - NORTH EAST AMBULANCE			(125,000)		