



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2020 – Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Fund – Cecil Transit – Transportation Needs – Recovery Houses

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 \$562,845 to the Community Services Fund – Cecil County Transit grant award from of a Federal Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI) Grant administered by the Maryland Transit Administration for a pilot program to address unmet transportation needs of residents in recovery houses.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The grant of \$562,845 awarded to the County will be used to per the approved grant budget.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

In August, Cecil Transit partnered with Routematch and Creative Bus Sales to apply for a Federal Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI) sandbox grant for our project: Roadway to Recovery: Driving Transformational Change and Removing Barriers for the Recovery Community. This is a demonstration/pilot program which will be completed by June 2021. The project was conceived to address the substance abuse crisis in Cecil County by expanding current services in support of unmet transportation needs of residents of recovery houses traveling within predefined service zones. The project will create a “complete trip” service model providing access to employment, education, shopping, legal proceedings, and other life necessities utilizing innovative mobile technology to spontaneously schedule trips, monitor vehicle location, and make electronic fare payment.

If successful, the complete trip model can be replicated to address other critical mobility needs in the community as a whole. This model can be utilized to expand available services in geographically isolated communities and, furthermore, be used as a barometer to gauge the need for expansion of fixed route service, to reduce the growing strain that the increasing demand non-emergency medical transportation services has on the public transportation system, and to support future economic development within the growth corridor.

The total cost of the project is \$703,590. Federal grant funds (which will be administered by the Maryland Transit Administration) total \$562,845. Project partner, Routematch, Inc. will provide an in kind match in the amount of \$140,745. There will be no county dollars associated with the project. A summary of the funding breakdown is as follows:

Operations	\$272,010	Includes leasing 5 accessible minivans, 6 part-time (25 hour) contractual drivers, fuel and maintenance, etc.
Project Administration	\$101,420	1-year contractual project management position and a portion of the Transit Chief and Transit Coordinator positions.
Travel	\$12,000	Requirement of the grant to present lessons learned at regional/national events
Marketing	\$7160	
Technology	\$311,000	