



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2020 – Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Housing Fund – Coronavirus Pandemic

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 Housing Fund \$103,824 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority from a grant made available under section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) allocated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development from the United States Department of the Treasury for the purpose of aiding local housing authorities with expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2020. The costs the Housing Fund has incurred related to COVID-19 were unplanned, unbudgeted expenditures in the FY2020 budget. The CARES Act funding will allow the Housing related expenditures to be reimbursed for items related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

PHI Notice PIH-2020-08 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development advised Cecil County that the federal agency was awarding \$103,824 to Cecil County from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the CARES Act.

Per the notice:

- a. The funding is being made available to the Department of Housing effective May 1, 2020.
- b. Under the CARES Act, this supplemental administrative fee funding may be used only for two purposes: (1) any currently eligible Housing Choice Voucher (including Mainstream voucher) administrative costs during the period that the program is impacted by coronavirus; and (2) new coronavirus-related activities, including activities to support or maintain the health and safety of assisted individuals and families, and costs related to the retention and support of participating owners.