



## CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 40-2020 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – SPECIAL REVENUE OTHER GRANTS DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – RURAL BROADBAND**

**SYNOPSIS:** A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 in order to provide a total of \$413,758 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Department of Land Use and Development Services to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor’s Office of Rural Broadband for the purpose of bringing internet access to underserved areas of Cecil County.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2021. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor’s Office of Rural Broadband has awarded Cecil County \$413,758 to put broadband infrastructure in underserved areas of the County.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The addition of \$413,758 in grant revenue and expense within the Special Revenue-Other Grant’s Fund will allow the County to expand Broadband in Cecil County. The goal of DHCD is to aid counties experiencing broadband infrastructure deficits by supporting implementation of solutions to the problem of delivering broadband internet to unserved rural residents and businesses. The State will fund 50% of each project. The County is responsible for the other 50%. Except for the project in Fair Hill, the 50% match is being supported by the partner in the closest proximately to the area being served. The attached chart shows the breakdown of each project:

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**Summary of Responses to Governor's Office of Rural Broadband October 2019 RFI**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>State Contribution</i>	<i>County Contribution</i>	<i>Partner Contribution</i>
Maryland Five Star at Fair Hill (includes p/o Big Elk Chapel Rd, Telegraph Rd, and Gallaher Rd)	Armstrong	\$298,651	\$149,325.50	\$149,325.50	0
Irishtown Rd, Evergreen Ln, and Spring Hill Ln (North East, MD)	Comcast	\$129,030	\$64,515	\$32,257.50	\$32,257.50
McKinneytown Rd (North East, MD)	Comcast	\$275,834	\$137,917	\$68,958.50	\$68,958.50
Middleneck Rd and Old Telegraph Rd (Warwick, MD)	Bloosurf	124,000	\$62,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>\$827,515</b>	<b>\$413,757.50</b>	<b>\$281,541.50</b>	<b>\$132,216</b>