



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2020 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund balance – Broadband expansion – Fair Hill Area

SYNOPSIS: A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 to authorize the Department of Land Use and Development Services' budget within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority of a County match to the Rural Broadband Grant of \$150,000, to be expended by investing in County broadband infrastructure in the area of Big Elk Chapel Road, Telegraph Road & Gallaher Road that will provide the necessary internet access for the Maryland Five Star Event at Fair Hill.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on Cecil County of \$150,000, by expending the FY2019 assigned fund balance designated by the County Executive to provide additional funding for the expansion of Broadband infrastructure to the underserved areas of Cecil County.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The need for Broadband infrastructure in all parts of the County is a critical need now more than ever before. The County was approached about the need for internet access in the area of Fair Hill to serve the Maryland Five Star Event. The State of Maryland suggested the County apply for grant funds to put in the infrastructure to serve the unserved area and Fair Hill. The County was awarded \$149,325.50 or 50% of the total cost of the project (\$298,651) by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband to complete the project of broadband infrastructure in the area of Big Elk Chapel Road, Telegraph Road & Gallaher Road. The infrastructure will allow for internet access at the Maryland Five Star Event.