



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2020 – APPROVAL – COVID SUPPLY STORAGE – MULTIPLE YEAR CONTRACT

SYNOPSIS: A Resolution to approve a three (3) year lease agreement between the County and Nowland Development, Inc. to rent 4,808 square feet of space located at 400 Pintail Circle, Elkton, MD 21921 for a total cost of \$165,877.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this Resolution will not have a fiscal impact as the cost of the lease for FY2021 will be paid for with CARES grant funding.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Department of Emergency Services has been diligent for the past eight months in creating a County stockpile of PPE and other medical equipment to assist with the fight against and the spread of COVID-19 in Cecil County. The department does not have sufficient space to store all of the equipment and supplies. It is currently being housed in the building on Chesapeake Boulevard owned by W.L. Gore. Gore has agreed to allow the County to use the space until April 2021. The County has been reviewing available space in which to relocate the items when the term of the County's relationship with Gore comes to an end. The Nowland property is located next to the County Administration Building and is in close proximity to DES, as well as the building where the supplies are currently stored.

The County will be able to use CARES grant funding to pay for the first year of the lease. If additional CARES money is granted to the County, it is intended to be used to pay for the second year of the lease. If there is no additional CARES funding, the department will budget the lease for 6 months in the FY22 budget and will continue to budget until the end of the lease. The deadline to use CARES grant funding is December 31, 2020. As the resolution is being introduced on December 8, it will then be considered on December 15 and if passed will meet the grant deadline for expenditure.

Going forward, the County is considering a long term solution if it is determined that there is a need to continue storing pandemic related items beyond the time frame of the lease.