

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2021-01

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2021

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Upper Shore Regional Council – Micro Ag Grant Program

**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 \$16,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development to record the grant awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council for the purpose of a Micro Ag-Grant program in Cecil County.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** January 5, 2021

**Consideration scheduled on:** January 19, 2021

By:   
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by January 5, 2021 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on January 19, 2021.

By:   
Council Manager

**Explanation:**

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Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Upper Shore Regional Council – Micro-Ag Grant Program

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2020, the County  
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2021; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held  
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2021; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on May 19, 2020, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2021; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2021 Special Revenue Other Grants Fund  
8 – Office of Economic Development revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the following amount:  
9 the addition of \$16,000 in grant revenue and expense to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Office of  
10 Economic Development budget to provide for the grant from the Upper Shore Regional Council awarded to  
11 Cecil County; and

12           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$16,000 in program funding to allow for a  
13 Micro-Ag Grant Program specifically designed to help between 10 and 30 Cecil County agricultural  
14 enterprises with projects to start, expand, diversify or market their business or projects that enhance  
15 educational and research initiatives on the farm.

16           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
17 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
18 Year 2021 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation; and by amending the Current Budget to  
19 appropriate \$16,000 in additional expenditures in the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Office of  
20 Economic Development to record the grant awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council for the  
21 purpose of a Micro Ag-Grant program in Cecil County.

22           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that all  
23 provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

**INTRODUCED: January 5, 2021**

**ADOPTED: January 19, 2021**

  
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President of the Council

ATTEST:

  
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Council Manager



## CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

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

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2021. The Upper Shore Regional Council has awarded Cecil County \$16,000 to allow for a Micro-Ag grant program.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The addition of \$16,000 in grant revenue and expense within the Special Revenue-Other Grant's Fund from the Upper Shore Regional Council will fund a Micro-Ag Grant program in Cecil County. The Upper Shore Micro-Ag Grant program is a collaborative effort between the three upper shore counties; Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's. This program will encourage the collaboration of farmers and agricultural enterprises in the upper shore region to work together to promote the buy local movement, improve access to food, help alleviate food insecurity, and fund projects that feed, fuel and clothe our regional community. The focus of the program is to improve our regional food system by creating a cohesive relationship between the economic development offices and farmers within the upper shore region. The micro grant program will enhance access to fresh food in our rural communities while opening doors to resource sharing and partnerships throughout the upper shore, ultimately helping to create a vibrant and economically sustainable rural community.