

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY - 2021-02

RESOLUTION NO. 07 -2021

Title of Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds - COVID

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 \$448,139 to the Department of Community Services – Community Partnerships Division budget by recording the grant awarded from The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding “CESF” – Supporting Cecil County During the Coronavirus Pandemic Grant will provide assistance to children and families by supporting local partners including victim services, law enforcement and child service agencies throughout Cecil County.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: January 19, 2021

Scheduled for consideration on: February 2, 2021

By: James Massey
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by January 19, 2021 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on February 2, 2021.

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1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2020, the
2 County 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 Department of Community
8 Services – Community Partnerships Division revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the following
9 amount: the addition of \$448,139 in grant revenue and expense to the Department of Community
10 Services- Community Partnerships Division budget to provide for the grant from the Governor’s
11 Coordinating Offices awarded to Cecil County; and


12 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$448,139 in grant funding for the “CESF” –
13 Supporting Cecil County during the Coronavirus Pandemic Grant. The Governor’s Office of Crime
14 Prevention, Youth and Victim Services stressed the importance of comprehensive, collaborative projects
15 that benefit the entire community. The grant funds will allow the Cecil County Department of Community
16 Services’ Community Partnerships Division to work together with the following community organizations
17 to provide assistance to families and children dealing with the effects of the pandemic: Boys and Girls
18 Club of Harford and Cecil Counties, Cecil County CASA, Generation Station, Taylor Wellness Center, Youth
19 Empowerment Source. Additionally the grant will provide resources for The Bridge, Domestic
20 Violence/Rape Crisis Program and the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.

21 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
22 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal
23 Year 2021 is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation; and by amending the Current Budget
24 to appropriate \$448,139 in additional expenditures in the Department of Community Services-Community
25 Partnership Division; to record the grant awarded from The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth
26 and Victim Services.

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

INTRODUCED: January 19, 2021

ADOPTED: February 2, 2021



President of the Council

ATTEST:


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 Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services has awarded a \$448,139 grant to Cecil County to support families and children affected by the pandemic.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Cecil County received an award of \$448,139 in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding for the purpose of supporting local partners including victim services, law enforcement and child service agencies. The grant was awarded to Cecil County’s Department of Community Services’ Community Partnership’s Division, by the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS), and covers retroactive expenses from April 2020 through December 31, 2021.

The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services stressed the importance of comprehensive, collaborative projects that benefit the entire community; as such, the Department of Community Services approached multiple community organizations in an effort to create both a competitive and highly collaborative application.

Cecil County is partnering with seven organizations to disseminate this funding:

Boys and Girls Club of Harford and Cecil Counties
The Bridge, Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program (Department of Community Services)
Cecil County CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates)
Cecil County Sheriff's Office
Generation Station
Taylor Wellness Center

Services to be provided with grant funds include educational support for children, provided by the Boys and Girls Club, CASA, Generation Station, and Youth Empowerment Source. The Boys and Girls Club will be providing the "Club on the Go" from 3-6 p.m., taking youth development programming and food to communities in need, via a specialized van. Activities will include arts, sports and STEM.

CASA and Generation Station are offering more traditional classroom education options for youth, especially those who cannot access virtual learning from home or who require in-person guidance and assistance. CASA will focus on serving foster, kinship, and/or underserved youth from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., providing a safe place for virtual schooling at the former Immaculate Conception School, using Cecil County Public Schools' virtual learning classes.

Generation Station will work similarly, providing services primarily to Bohemia Manor school district students, at Five Rivers Church in Elkton. Generation Station will operate from 3-6 p.m., and provide transportation assistance to students attending the program as needed.

Youth Empowerment Source will be providing training for their staff related to trauma, mental health, and COVID-19, and using this training to serve families and children enrolled in programming. Additionally, they will be providing hotspots and computers to continue to virtually serve "opportunity youth," which are young persons between 16-24 years of age who are not engaged with school or work. This program focuses on GED and job skill acquisition, while addressing soft skills, money management, conflict resolution, and other critical issues.

In order to support law enforcement services during the pandemic, CESF funds were approved to reimburse officers for daycare expenses incurred when daycare providers were closing or offered limited options for child care, as officers were required to work to avoid staff shortages.

Finally, services focused on victims will support therapeutic options from Taylor Wellness Center, Inc. in Port Deposit, as well as the purchase of additional shelter supplies for The Bridge, Cecil County's Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program, to allow set-up of an emergency location for shelter during the pandemic, if needed. Taylor Wellness will support families through psychotherapy and case management, as well as adjunctive therapies such as expressive arts, nutrition coaching, and dance, yoga, and Zumba classes.