



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO 56-2021–Supplemental Appropriation – Grants – Economic Development – Online Sales and Teleworking

SYNOPSIS: A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 in order to provide a total of \$85,136 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Commerce for the purpose of allowing the County to make grants to businesses to assist the businesses in setting up an online sales framework and offering employees telework opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2022. Maryland Department of Commerce is providing the necessary funding to award grants to the eligible businesses.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Maryland Department of Commerce is the recipient of \$5,000,000 in additional funding from the Governor for the purpose of providing grants to employers to assist the business in setting up an online sales framework and/or offering employees telework opportunities. Cecil County was awarded \$85,136 to use within the County for the stated purpose. To be eligible for the grant, the applicant must:

- Have been established prior to March 9, 2020.
- Be registered and in good standing with Maryland SDAT.
- Applicants that have not received a COVID-19 Business Relief Grant or Loan from the Maryland Department of Commerce, or a grant from the Maryland Department of Labor for the purchase of equipment to assist in the expansion of opportunities for telework, will receive priority consideration.
- Currently be in operation.
- Have a physical location within Grantee’s jurisdiction; and
- Priority will be given to applicants that do not have more than 20 total employees (including part-time employees), excluding the owner

The Office of Economic Development accepted applications from October 11 to October 25, 2021. The amount of individual grant awards will be determined by the total number of qualified applicants. The grant funds can be used to cover costs incurred after March 2020 associated with online sales and/or telework. Examples of allowable uses of funds include but are not limited to:

- Expansion to e-commerce platform
- Website development
- Hardware or software costs
- Home office equipment for remote work capability (i.e., cell phones, laptops, printers, etc.)

The County has until December 1, 2021, to disburse the funds.