

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2021-21**

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2021

Title of Resolution: Supplemental Appropriation – Grants – Sheriff’s Office – Crime Control and Prevention

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 \$95,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Sheriff’s Office-Law Enforcement to record the grant awarded from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention for the purpose of attracting and retaining qualified Deputies to join the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: November 2, 2021

Scheduled for consideration on: November 16, 2021

By: 
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted on November 2, 2021 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on November 16, 2021.

By: 
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriations – Grants – Sheriff’s Office – Crime Control and Prevention

1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2021, the
2 County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2022; 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 2022; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 1, 2021, the
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2022; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2022 Special Revenue Other Grants
8 Fund – Sheriff’s Office-Law Enforcement revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the following
9 amount: the addition of \$95,000 in grant revenue and expense to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund
10 – Sheriff’s Office- Law Enforcement budget to provide for the grant award from the Governor’s Office of
11 Crime Control and Prevention; and

12 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$95,000 in grant funding to provide bonuses
13 to sworn deputies and to assist with the cost required for uniform dry cleaning. Such incentives for
14 current deputies are designed to retain current sworn staff and help encourage perspective new recruits
15 to join the agency.

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 2022 is amended for the supplemental appropriation, and by amending the Current Budget to
19 appropriate \$95,000 in additional expenditures in the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Sheriff’s
20 Office-Law Enforcement, to record the grant awarded from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and
21 Prevention for the purpose of attracting and retaining qualified Deputies to join the Cecil County Sheriff’s
22 Office.

23 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by
24 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

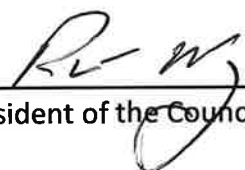
INTRODUCED: November 2, 2021

ADOPTED: November 16, 2021

ATTEST:



Council Manager



President of the Council



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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SYNOPSIS: A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to provide a total of \$95,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Sheriff’s Office-Law Enforcement to record the grant awarded from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention for the purpose of attracting and retaining qualified Deputies to join the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2022. The grant award is providing all funding to support the bonuses and reimbursement of uniform dry-cleaning costs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Cecil County Sheriff’s Office applied for and was awarded a grant from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to help the agency attract and retain qualified Deputies. The Sheriff’s Office as well as other law enforcement agencies across the Country are having difficulty attracting and retaining qualified law enforcement officers. Police officers are quitting the job, and few are applying to take their place. This is a nationwide trend that started several years ago and is exacerbated by the current climate that is increasingly dangerous, lacks public support and incurs intense media scrutiny.

To allow the Sheriff’s Office to retain the sworn Deputies in the agency today, the GOCCP awarded grant funds to support a one-time longevity bonus and reimbursement for the cost of dry-cleaning uniforms. The GOCCP is hoping these types of incentives not only convince Deputies to stay, but also encourage new recruits to join the Cecil County Sheriff’s Office.