

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2021

Title of Resolution: 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.

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 – Economic Development – Online Sales and Teleworking

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 – Office of Economic Development revenue estimate for Cecil County to establish the following
9 amount: the addition of \$85,136 in grant revenue and expense to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund
10 – Office of Economic Development budget to provide for the grants to businesses from the Maryland
11 Department of Commerce awarded to Cecil County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$85,136 in grant funding as a source of
13 funds for the Online Sales and Teleworking Grant Program. The goal of the grant is to assist County
14 businesses in setting up an online sales framework and/or offering employees telework opportunities due
15 to the ongoing affects of COVID-19. The Office of Economic Development is administering the grant on
16 behalf of the County.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL**
18 **COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland,
19 for Fiscal Year 2022 is amended for the supplemental appropriation, and by amending the Current
20 Budget, to appropriate \$85,136 in additional expenditures in the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund –
21 Office of Economic Development, to record the grant awarded the Maryland Department of Commerce,
22 for the purpose of allowing the County to award grants to businesses to assist businesses in setting up an
23 online sales framework and offering employees telework opportunities.

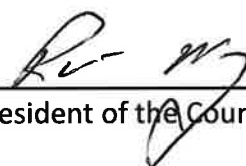
24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by
25 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: November 2, 2021

ADOPTED: November 16, 2021



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 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.