



## CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 61-2021 – Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Economic Development – Upper Shore Regional Council – Agriculture Microgrant Program**

**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 \$27,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development, in order to record the grant awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council, for the purpose of an Agriculture Microgrant Program in Cecil County.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2022. The Upper Shore Regional Council has awarded Cecil County \$27,000 to allow for a micro-ag grant program.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The addition of \$27,000 in grant revenue and expense within the Special Revenue-Other Grant's Fund from the Upper Shore Regional Council will fund an Agriculture Microgrant Program in Cecil County. The Upper Shore Agriculture Microgrant 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.