

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2021-24**

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2021

Title of Resolution: 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.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: December 21, 2021

Scheduled for consideration on: January 4, 2022

By: 
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by December 21, 2021 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on January 4, 2022.

By: 
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Economic Development –
Upper Shore Regional Council – Agriculture Microgrant Program

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 \$27,000 in grant revenue and expense to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund
10 – Office of Economic Development budget to provide for the grant from the Upper Shore Regional Council
11 awarded to Cecil County; and
12 **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$27,000 in program funding to allow for an
13 Agriculture Microgrant Program, specifically designed to help between ten and thirty Cecil County
14 agricultural enterprises with projects to start, expand, diversify or market their business or projects, which
15 enhance educational and research initiatives on the farm.
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 hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation; and by amending the Current Budget
19 to appropriate \$27,000 in additional expenditures, in the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Office of
20 Economic Development, in order to record the grant awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council, for
21 the purpose of an Agriculture Microgrant Program in Cecil County.
22 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
23 this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED: December 21, 2021

ADOPTED: January 4, 2022

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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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.

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.