



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Resolution No. 13-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Parks and Recreation – Pickle Ball Court and Sensory Playground

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 \$400,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Parks and Recreation, to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, to be used to improve the quality of parks and recreation in Cecil County by constructing a pickle ball court at the Cecil Arena (\$160,000) and a sensory playground at Calvert Regional Park (\$240,000).

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2022. The grant award is providing all funding to construct the pickle ball court and the sensory playground.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The FY2022 capital budget (HB 590) includes \$85 million in general obligation bond funding for Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure to be administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Cecil County was awarded \$1,500,000.

House Bill 590 of 2021 states that the capital budget authorization is for grants to the county administrative units managing local parks to design, construct and capital equip indoor and outdoor park infrastructure and other capital-eligible projects that enhance recreational amenities, including but not limited to trails, playgrounds, and recreational facilities. The County has decided to use \$400,000 of the grant to do the following improvements:

Cecil Arena Pickle Ball Court (\$160,000)

Cecil County is experiencing growth in its Pickle Ball population. As one of the County's busiest parks, the Cecil Arena currently affords public use of 4 tennis courts, 2 baseball fields, walking trail, playground, and fishing pond. The addition of four Pickle Ball Courts would be a great addition to this facility and assist the County in meeting public demand. The courts would serve league and public use.

Sensory Playground Calvert Regional Park (\$240,000)

As the County's first Regional Park, Calvert experiences approximately 95,000 visits a year. Amenities include a disc golf course, walking trails, basketball courts, playgrounds, pavilions, and multipurpose athletic fields. Currently, county playgrounds do not contain any sensory play structures. This project would develop an inclusionary atmosphere in the county's most notable park.