

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2023 -07**

BILL NO. 2023-05

Title of Bill: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance - FY 2024

Synopsis: A Bill to adopt the County Budget including the Current Expense Budget, Capital Budget, Special Purpose Budgets and Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and to appropriate funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on: April 4, 2023

Public hearing scheduled on: May 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm – Elkton High School

Scheduled for Consideration: June 6, 2023

By: _____
Council Manager

Public Hearing

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by April 4, 2023 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on _____ a public hearing was held on May 18, 2023, and concluded on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING BILL.
{Brackets} indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment.

~~Strike through~~ indicates language stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 504 of the Charter of Cecil County requires the Executive to prepare and submit
2 a proposed budget to the County Council for the ensuing fiscal year, not later than April 1 of each year, and
3 further, that the proposed budget shall be reproduced and made available to the public; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2023, the County Executive prepared and submitted the proposed Budget for
5 Fiscal Year 2024 to the County Council, and further, has reproduced and made the proposed Budget
6 available to the public; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Section 506 of the Charter of Cecil County requires that the County Council shall cause a
8 notice of a public hearing to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has caused notice of a public hearing to be held on May 18, 2023, to
11 be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 506 of the Charter of Cecil County, no final budget action may be
13 taken by the County Council until after public hearing or hearings have been held in open public session;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the County Council of Cecil County has held a public hearing on May 18, 2023 and
16 therefore can take action on the final budget; and

17 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 507(a), the Charter of Cecil Council states that after the public
18 hearing, the County Council may decrease or delete any items in the budget except those required by laws
19 of the State of Maryland, provisions for debt service on obligations then outstanding or for estimated cash
20 deficits; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the County Council has made changes to the annual budget for fiscal year 2024 as it has
22 deemed necessary and has determined a final budget; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has requested that the County Council of Cecil County approve the
24 aforesaid Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Cecil County for Fiscal Year 2024.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
26 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal
27 Year 2024 is hereby approved and adopted.

28 Section 1.

29 The Current Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 appropriates all expenditures and expenses for all
30 government funds, internal service funds, and enterprise funds for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023
31 and ending June 30, 2024, as indicated in the following exhibits:

32	Proposed - Current Year Expenditures and Expenses	Appendix A-1
33	Proposed - Current Year Revenue Estimates	Appendix A-2
34	Proposed and Original Request - Board of Education	Appendix A-3
35	Proposed –Current Year Grant Expenditures and Expenses	Appendix A-4
36	Proposed - Current Year Grant Revenue Estimates	Appendix A-5

37 Section 2.

38 The Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 appropriates expenditures and expenses to government capital
39 funds, internal service funds, and enterprise funds for capital projection and acquisitions as indicated in the
40 following exhibits:

41	Proposed - Capital Budget	Appendix C-1
42	Adopted - Capital Budget	Appendix D-1

43 Section 3.

44 Expenditure appropriations related to grants from federal, state, and other sources are made contingent on
45 the receipt or award of funds and shall be utilized in the manner prescribed by the grants from which they
46 derive; in the event that funds are received in greater or lesser amounts than appropriated, then the
47 appropriation will be increased or decreased based on the actual award received by Cecil County; the
48 award will then become the revenue budget.

49 Section 4.

50 Expenditure appropriations related to program revenues from grant activities and capital projects in special
51 revenue funds or capital project funds are made contingent on the realization of program revenues; in the
52 event that program revenues are realized in greater or lesser amounts than appropriated, then the
53 appropriation will be increased or decreased based on the realized revenue; the program revenue then
54 become the revenue budget.

55 Section 5.

56 Expenditure appropriations related to internal service funds may be increased to perform tasks to the
57 extent that internal service fund service charges are within the appropriated budget of the department and
58 fund being charged; in the event that the internal service fund is an insurance fund that accounts for

59 benefits claims, then the appropriation for claims will be increased or decreased based on the claims
60 presented or accruable for the Fiscal Year 2024, the increase shall increase the revenue budget, and the
61 claims shall be charged to the appropriate fund and department.

62 Section 6.

63 Expenditure appropriations related to the Winding Brook Special Taxing District are appropriated
64 contingent on the realization of tax revenues; in the event that program revenues are realized in greater or
65 lesser amounts than appropriated, then the appropriation will be increased or decreased based on the
66 realized revenue; the tax revenues then become the revenue budget.

67 Section 7.

68 The amounts appropriated for materials, supplies, services, and equipment shall be deemed to be available
69 for encumbrance upon the passing of this ordinance to the extent necessary to facility the operations of the
70 County for fiscal year 2024, provided that no services shall be rendered before July 1, 2023 and no
71 materials, supplies, and equipment shall be used in Fiscal Year 2023.

72 Section 8.

73 Subject to the laws of the State of Maryland, the Charter of Cecil County and the Code of Cecil County
74 relating to budgetary and fiscal procedures, the amounts specified are approved, appropriated, and
75 authorized to be disbursed for the purposes specified and in the sums itemized for fiscal year 2024.

76 Section 9.

77 This Bill shall be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Cecil County, Maryland for
78 FY 2024.

79 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED** that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for
80 Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal Year 2024 is finally adopted by the County Council of Cecil County,
81 Maryland, and is deemed effective as July 1, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY: Council Manager