



## CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

#### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 66-2015 – GENERAL FUND GRANTS BUDGET – CECIL COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – LAW ENFORCEMENT – SMART GRANT – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT**

**Synopsis:** Legislation to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 by \$5,250 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget awarded to the Sheriff’s Office – Law Enforcement from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to update IT equipment in order to maintain substantial compliance with the federal Sex Offender Registration, Notification and Apprehension Act.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** Net fiscal impact to the County will be zero for Fiscal 2016. The grant will allow for the acquisition of a MUGSHOTVISYS Mugshot Camera Package, a replacement laptop, and safety equipment for the Sex Offender Registration Unit.

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#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has awarded SMART grant funds to support the Sex Offender Registration Unit or individuals responsible for registering convicted sexual offenders in your county. The Department has had the opportunity to review your proposal and has approved your application for funding in the amount of \$ 5,250. The Department's goals associated with the project are to maintain substantial compliance with the federal Sex Offender Registration, Notification and Apprehension Act (SORNA) by enhancing law enforcement's ability to implement electronic records management projects and improving the Sex Offender Registry Unit's (SORU) ability to submit accurate data received from law enforcement to the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) file.

The success of the project will be measured in four ways:

- A reduction in the number of inaccurate records submitted to the SORU;
- A reduction in the number of incomplete records submitted to SORU;
- An increase in number of documents electronically uploaded to the SOR database by the registering agency, and

- A reduction in the number of non-compliant registrants and absconders as electronic record management procedures are changed and improved.

Maryland's offender non-compliance rate currently averages 3.5% over a 12-month period. Specific non-compliant and absconder rates will be calculated based on the local jurisdictions that have been sub-awarded SMART grant funds.

Cecil County will utilize the SMART grant funds to acquire a MUGSHOTVISYS Mugshot Camera Package, The Mugshot Camera Package is anchored by a Sony EVI pan-tilt-zoom video camera, which is the camera preferred by leading mug shot and digital booking solution companies. This camera makes it easier for the operator to take better pictures with its auto focus feature and the keyboard control of its pan-tilt-zoom functions, and it offers higher resolution and better low light capabilities compared to other models. Also contemplated is to replace an existing laptop, and to procure much needed safety equipment for the operators of the Sex Offender Registration Unit.