

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024-08

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024

**Title of Resolution:** Grant Application – Community Development Block Grant – Child Advocacy Center Expansion.

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to authorize the Cecil County Department of Community Services, Housing and Community Development Division, to apply for funding not to exceed \$723,000, from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to renovate and expand the existing Child Advocacy Center to increase the provision of services to victims of child abuse and sexual assault and adult victims of domestic violence and their families. Grant funds will support construction costs associated with expanding the footprint of the Center and include roofing and generator costs and possible planning efforts and administrative support.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** April 16, 2024

**Public Hearing schedule on:** May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm

**Consideration scheduled on:** May 21, 2024

By:   
Council Manager

**Public Hearing**

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution having been posted by April 16, 2024 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and having been published on May 10, 2024 and a public hearing was held on May 21, 2024 and concluded on May 21, 2024.

By:   
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

**Grant Application – Community Development Block Grant – Child Advocacy Center Expansion**

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2023, the County  
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2024; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held public  
4 hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2024; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 6, 2023, the Budget  
6 for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2024; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland through the Department of Housing and Community Development has  
8 solicited applications from eligible jurisdictions to apply for funding under the Maryland Community  
9 Development Block Grant Program; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Cecil County is eligible to apply for funds from the Maryland Community Development Block  
11 Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services, representing Cecil County, has been authorized to  
13 apply for up to \$723,000 in grant funds to support the expansion of the Cecil County Child Advocacy Center; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services will use grant funds to support construction costs  
15 associated with expanding the footprint of the Center and include roofing and generator costs and possible  
16 planning efforts and administrative support; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the County has held the required public hearing related to the formulation of the County’s  
18 Block Grant application; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the County Council understands and acknowledges that the County would be responsible for  
20 completion of grant activities and any corrective actions including the repayment of funds if necessary.

21           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**  
22 that the County Executive, by and through the Department of Community Services is authorized to submit an  
23 application for Community Development Block Grant funds.

24           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that this  
25 Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

**INTRODUCED: April 16, 2024**

**ADOPTED: May 21, 2024**

  
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President of the Council

ATTEST:  
  
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Council Manager