# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

BILL NO. <u>25-20</u> DATE: April 13, 2020

### FISCAL NOTE

**BILL: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Emergency and Supplementary Appropriations – COVID-19 Response** 

## **BACKGROUND**

Following Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's proclamation of a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland, and the World Health Organization's declaration of the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic outbreak, on March 13, 2020, Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman proclaimed a civil emergency in the County due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The federal and State government have made additional grants available to local governments to assist with emergency response and other activities related to the pandemic outbreak. Among other new or enhanced grant revenue sources, the County anticipates receiving federal assistance through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and signed into law on March 27, 2020.

#### **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION**

This emergency ordinance provides for the supplementary appropriation and transfer of contingency funds, supplementary appropriation of unanticipated federal and State grant revenue sources, and supplementary appropriation of unappropriated fund balance in the General Fund for fiscal year 2020 COVID-19 response.

Section 1 of the bill transfers \$11,750,000 from the Chief Administrative Office contingency account and \$27,000,000 from the unappropriated fund balance in the General Fund to provide \$38,750,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred to the agencies listed in the table below:

Department	Amount	Comments
Health Department	38,675,000	COVID-19 related expenses
Department of Social Services	75,000	COVID-19 related expenses for Partnership, Child, Youth & Family
Total	\$38,750,000	

Section 2 of the bill recognizes \$18,000 of revenue received from federal and State grant sources not anticipated in the budget in Grants Special Revenue Fund. As of the drafting of this bill, the County does not have actual grant awards. However, § 4-11-114 of the Anne Arundel County Code allows an amendment of these appropriations if the conditional appropriation requirements are met. Therefore, this approach allows for an expedited recognition of the CARES Act funding once made available. Placeholder amounts are being placed into the following departments:

Grant	Department	Amount
GCA100	Chief Administrative Office	1,000
GAG100	Department of Aging	7,000
GFR100	Fire Department	2,000
GHL100	Health Department	4,000
GEM100	Office of Emergency Management	1,000
GTR100	Office of Transportation	1,000
GPD100	Police Department	1,000
GPR100	Recreation and Parks	1,000
Total		\$18,000

Section 3 of the bill recognizes \$1,859,527 of revenue received from federal and State grant sources not anticipated in the budget in Grants Special Revenue Fund to be appropriated to the Community Development Fund.

Section 4 of the bill makes the bill an emergency ordinance.

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Jim Beauchamp	Date
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## **CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

In accordance with the Anne Arundel County Charter, Section 712, I certify that such funds are available for appropriation.

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Karin McQuade	Date