

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 24-20

Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, March 31, 2020

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

The 2019-2020 Current Expense Budget
Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund
COVID-19 Federal Funding
Emergency Measure

FOR the purpose of amending the 2019-2020 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from anticipated federal funds that will be made available to the County as a result of the COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public safety emergency; and providing for the effective date of this act.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the County Council approved the continuation of a State of Emergency declared by the County Executive on March 13, 2020 (Executive Order No. 2020-002); and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by the Governor of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the President of the United States have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern that poses an immediate danger to public safety; and

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public safety emergency continues, it threatens lives, health and property in Baltimore County, requiring Baltimore County to call all of its resources into limited or long-term activation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 306 and 712(b) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-6-102 of the Baltimore County Code, 2015, as amended, the County Council may accept gifts and grants and may make emergency appropriations to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property from revenues from anticipated sources; and

WHEREAS, such anticipated revenues will be appropriated to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund and expend same, said fund having been established solely for the purpose of accounting for certain monetary gifts and grants made available to the County for restricted purposes; and

WHEREAS, such fund remains open perpetually as a mechanism to account for the respective gift and grant appropriations and expenditures throughout the entire term of the grant period, including beyond the current expense budget fiscal year; and

WHEREAS Section 308(f) of the Baltimore County Charter provides that by the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the total number of county council members established by the Charter any law or ordinance shall be declared an emergency measure affecting the public health, safety or welfare, in which event the same shall take effect from the date of enactment; now therefore

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, pursuant to the power and authority conferred upon it by Sections 306
3 and 712(b) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-6-102 of the Baltimore County
4 Code, 2015, as amended, that the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30,
5 2020, be and is hereby amended by appropriating funds made available from the federal
6 government in the amount herein specified, to the following program:

7	005-030-20D6	COVID-19 Federal Funding	\$3,500,000 <u>\$10,000,000</u>
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8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act having been passed by
9 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council is declared an emergency measure
10 affecting the public health, safety or welfare and shall take effect from the date of enactment.