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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 43-2021

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to receive additional grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury to provide rent and utility assistance; from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the HOME Grant; from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Howard County Health Department to provide funding to the County for costs associated with staffing community vaccination clinics led and funded by the Howard County Health Department and to fund the County's Mobile Integrated Community Health Program; and the first half of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds from the American Rescue Plan from through the United States Department of the Treasury, and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2021.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2021 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2021 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2021

Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, Council Bill No. 25-2020 (CB25) is known as the Annual Budget and
2 Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2021 and contains the capital and
3 operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, because of the health emergency related to COVID-19, by passage of
6 Council Bill No. 15-2021, the County received funds from the United States Department of the
7 Treasury to provide rent and utility assistance; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County has recently been informed that it will receive additional grant
10 funds from the United States Department of the Treasury in the amount of \$7,702,895 to
11 continue to provide rent and utility assistance; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, grant funds can be used to pay up to nine months of past due rent or utilities
14 for residents that suffered a COVID-related loss of income, reduction in hours, or medical
15 illness; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, residents who already received three or six months of rental assistance, as
18 well as residents who are still unemployed, could be eligible for additional assistance from this
19 grant; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Community Development has also recently
22 been awarded an additional \$1,757,012 in HOME Grant funds from the United States
23 Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Finance Department has also recently been awarded \$1,043,712 in
26 Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Grant funds and \$250,000 in Mobile
27 Integrated Community Health (“MICH”) Grant funds from the Health Department to provide
28 funding to the County for costs associated with staffing community vaccination clinics led and
29 funded by the Howard County Health Department and to fund the County’s Mobile Integrated
30 Community Health Program; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the County has also requested and is expected to be awarded \$31,630,732
2 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds (FRF) from the American Rescue Plan
3 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, representing the first half of this Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the FRF can be used to support urgent pandemic response efforts, replace
6 lost revenue where applicable to support vital public services and retain jobs, support immediate
7 economic stabilization for households and businesses, make needed investment in water, sewer
8 and broadband infrastructure, and address other public health and economic challenges; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, following the passage of SAOs 2, 3, 4 and 5, all of Fiscal Year 2021, there
11 is not enough spending authority in the Grant Fund, Contingency Reserve to accept the grant
12 funding awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury and the United States
13 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the FEMA’s Public Assistance Program and
14 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Howard County Health
15 Department; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2021 budget needs to be amended to receive and
18 appropriate the additional unexpected emergency grant funding; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency
21 Bill is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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25 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the following*
26 *emergency appropriation of grant funds within the Department of Housing and Community*
27 *Development is authorized and approved for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending*
28 *June 30, 2021, as shown below:*
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1 **Department of Housing and Community Development– US Department of the Treasury –**
2 **Emergency Rental Assistance**

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4	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$9,735,056
5	Plus grant funding	<u>\$7,702,895</u>
6	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$17,437,951

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8 **Department of Housing and Community Development– US Department of Housing and**
9 **Urban Development – HOME Grant**

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11	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$465,440
12	Plus grant funding	<u>\$1,757,012</u>
13	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$ 2,222,452

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15 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that the grant total for the Department of Housing and*
16 *Community Development, as reflected on page 112 of CB25, is amended to be \$21,765,319.*

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18 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*
19 *the following emergency appropriation of grant funds within the Department of Finance is*
20 *authorized and approved for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as*
21 *shown below:*

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23 **Department of Finance - Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Public Assistance**
24 **Program (FEMA) – FEMA Health Department Grant**

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26	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$0
27	Plus grant funding	<u>\$1,043,712</u>
28	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$ 1,043,712

1 **Department of Finance - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – MICH Health**
2 **Department Grant**

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4	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$0
5	Plus grant funding	<u>\$250,000</u>
6	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$250,000

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8 **Department of Finance - U.S. Department of the Treasury – American Rescue Plan Act**
9 **Grant**

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11	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$0
12	Plus grant funding	<u>\$31,630,732</u>
13	Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$31,630,732

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15 ***Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted*** that the grant total for the Department Finance is amended
16 *to be \$40,337,974.*

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18 ***Section 5. And Be It Further Enacted*** the Grant Fund total for Fiscal Year 2021, as reflected on
19 *page 116 of Council Bill No. 25-2020, is amended to be \$87,537,540 and, in the current expense*
20 *budget attached to Council Bill No. 25-2020 or incorporated by reference, all subtotals, totals,*
21 *and other calculated figures shall be adjusted, as needed, to accommodate this Act.*

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23 ***Section 6. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
24 *this Act is adopted as an emergency measure to address an immediate emergency affecting*
25 *public health, safety, or welfare and having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act*
26 *shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.*