

## **Council Bill 58-2026 Fiscal Analysis**

**Introduced:** September 8, 2026

**Fiscal Manager:** Melinda Massey

**Legislative Intent:** Council Bill 58-2026 proposes to amend the Howard County (“the County”) Code to establish additional requirements for nonprofit grant applicants and grant agreements, impose enhanced financial and programmatic reporting requirements, establish additional requirements for grants involving the purchase, construction, development, or redevelopment of real property, and require the creation and maintenance of a centralized grants application platform and publicly accessible grants database.

The bill does not appropriate additional grant funding or establish a new grant program. The legislation is not expected to directly increase County grant expenditures.

### **ANALYSIS**

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

CB58-2026 would require the Administration to establish a centralized grants application platform and database. Depending on the existing technology infrastructure, implementation could require:

- Implementation of system integration with existing County financial and procurement systems;
- User-access, cybersecurity controls, and training;
- Data storage and backup services;
- Ongoing system maintenance, licensing, and technical support.

The initial implementation is therefore likely to result in a **one-time fiscal impact**, while system maintenance and administration would generate **ongoing annual expenditures**. **We have reached out to the Administration about the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation and we have not received a response as of September 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Budget Implications:**

**We have reached out to the Administration about the universe of grants to the County that would be impacted by this legislation, and we have not received a response as of September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Other Notes:**

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