

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 37-2020

Introduced: March 2, 2020

Auditor: Edward Shulder

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.

While Council Resolution 37-2020 does not specifically have any fiscal impact, the grant requests it authorizes will increase County revenues and expenditures. The grants generally require a local match of 10 to 25 percent. Note that the **Expected County Match** in Table 1 below represents the specific match amount.

Table 1			
Federal and State Grants and Related County Matching Funds			
Fiscal Year 2021			
Grant	Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Request	Required Match %	Expected County Match
Urbanized Area Formula 15 Program grants (Section 5307/Large Urban)	1,672,126	25%	\$ 541,141
State Special Transportation Assistance Program	162,520	25%	54,173
Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)	475,000	10%	47,778
Washington Area Grant	1,845,828	0%	0
Planning – Technical Assistance	85,500	10%	9,500
Total Operating	\$ 4,240,974		\$ 652,592
Operating Capital Equipment Grant	3,501,072 *	10%	389,008
Total – All Grants	\$ 7,742,046		\$ 1,041,600

* The Federal and State capital grant amount above differs by \$105,000 from the amount provided in the Administration's written testimony due to a math error. The grant amount shown in Table 1 above is accurate per the Office of Transportation (the Office).

Purpose:

This resolution endorses and authorizes the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Other Comments:

The County anticipates transportation service expenditures to significantly exceed the local match requirement. The Office advises that it will budget in excess of \$9,000,000 to support transit operations in the County.