

**Office of the County Auditor**  
**Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Resolution No. 137-2020**

Introduced: September 8, 2020

Auditor: Lisa Geerman

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Fiscal Impact:

This resolution will have no fiscal impact to the County.

The County plans to request Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000. Once received, the County will distribute these funds to non-profit organizations on a reimbursement basis.

Purpose:

This resolution approves an application to the State of Maryland for funding under the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program for funds awarded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

According to the Administration, these funds will be used for rental assistance only. Income-eligible residents who have suffered a loss of income or reduction in hours due to COVID would be eligible to receive up to six months of rental assistance.

Other Comments:

The County previously awarded \$800,000 in CARES Act funding to six non-profit organizations. The County also awarded \$770,356 to the Howard County Housing Commission and Bridges to Housing Stability for rental assistance.

The Administration has announced that it will award an additional \$800,000 in CARES Act funds to three non-profit organizations to be used for rental assistance. The funds will be available to pay up to three months of past due rent for qualifying households.

The application has not been submitted to date. The Administration plans to submit it by the October 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.