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Public Hearing November 16, 2020  
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Executive Action December 10, 2020  
Effective Date December 10, 2020

## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 15

### Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

No. 3 - Fiscal Year 2021

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

AN ACT transferring \$502,264 from the Grant Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Police for a grant to assist with Human Trafficking Prevention activities.

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Introduced and read first time November 2, 2020. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, 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 November 16, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on December 7, 2020 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 8th day of December, 2020 at 2 a.m. 10

By order Diane Schwartz Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive December 10, 2020

Calvin Ball  
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**, Section 610 of the Howard County Charter authorizes and  
2 empowers the Howard County Council, upon the recommendation of the County  
3 Executive, to make supplementary appropriations from the unexpended and  
4 unencumbered funds set aside for contingencies in the County budget; and  
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6           **WHEREAS**, the County has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$502,264  
7 from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, grant funding will be used to add a full-time police Corporal  
10 position focused solely on human trafficking and grant funding will provide three years  
11 of salary costs for the position; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, grant funding will also significantly enhance training and equipment  
14 for investigators thus allowing the Department of Police to conduct more frequent  
15 operations to target traffickers in our County and grant funds will allow staff to attend  
16 professional training that was not previously available due to budget constraints; and  
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18           **WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance has certified that the appropriation to be  
19 transferred from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve is not encumbered and is  
20 available for transfer.  
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22    ***Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the*  
23 *following supplementary appropriation of funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal*  
24 *year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as indicated below:*  
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26    **Donor Account:**

27    **Grant Fund, Contingency Reserve**

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29           Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer (subject to SAO	
30                       No. 2 Fiscal Year 2021)	\$ 4,355,525
31           Less amount transferred to the Department of Police	<u>\$502,264</u>



CALVIN BALL  
County Executive



LISA D. MYERS  
Chief of Police

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

**DATE:** October 22, 2020

**FROM:** Lisa Myers *APM*  
Chief of Police

**TO:** Lonnie Robbins  
Chief Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT:** Human Trafficking Grant – New Corporal Position

The Howard County Police Department (HCPD) has worked collaboratively with the County Executive, other County Departments and allied agencies to focus needed resources to combat human trafficking. Over one million dollars in federal grant funds was just awarded to support county-wide efforts.

As Chief of Police, I offer this testimony on the need to utilize \$502,264 of the funding to add a full-time police Corporal position focused solely on human trafficking. Grant funding will provide three years of salary costs. The funding will also significantly enhance training and equipment for our investigators and allow us to conduct more frequent operations to target traffickers in our County.

The grant affords us to send our human trafficking detectives to out-of-state training which has not been available due to budget constraints. This will include the Crimes Against Women Conference, in Dallas, Child Sex Trafficking training, and Interrogation Techniques for Child Sex Traffickers. We will also be sending the detectives to several trainings required by the grant itself. This includes training in how to combat Human Trafficking with a Multi-disciplinary approach. In addition, the grant will cover tuition fees and training for one detective in the Cellebrite system. This system conducts cell phone downloads, so we can recover digital forensic evidence vital to these types of cases.

The new position will be a Detective Corporal within the Vice and Tech Support Section of our Vice and Narcotics Division. The Corporal will take the lead on efforts which involve the proactive criminal investigation of violations of State and local Vice & Human Trafficking laws. This assignment involves plainclothes activity, which emphasizes complex criminal investigations and covert duty assignments. Once the position is authorized and created, an experienced Corporal will be selected and assigned.

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Testimony from Chief Myers on new HT Corporal Position

During calendar year 2017, the HCPD made 9 human trafficking arrests, identified 15 adult victims of human trafficking, 4 juvenile victims and arrested 28 people attempting to buy sex during 4 reversal operations. In 2018, there were 6 human trafficking arrests, 10 adult victims of human trafficking identified, 2 juvenile victims and 33 arrests during four operations. In 2019, there were 11 human trafficking arrests, 24 human trafficking victims identified, 3 juvenile victims and 23 people arrested attempting to buy sex during 8 reversal operations. Having a Corporal to directly coordinate human trafficking cases full-time will significantly enhance our efforts and results.

A detailed plan for Trafficking Investigations and prosecutions has been developed by the Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council. The core team consists of HCPD Human Trafficking Section, the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention and HopeWorks of Howard County. One important aspect of the plan relies on this new Corporal's position to coordinate efforts to attempt to identify more sex and labor trafficking victims through victim-centered outreach and civil enforcement initiative at the twelve massage establishments in our County suspected to have illicit commercial sex work occurring on site. This effort is informed by the Polaris Project's 2018 report, *Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage Business*,<sup>1</sup> as well as research on efforts made by jurisdictions around the country, like San Jose and San Francisco, CA, Houston, TX, and other suburban jurisdictions in Maryland.

During the course of our standard periodic inspections of these establishments for state massage licenses, the new Corporal will, for the first time, begin coordinating expanded inspection for County fire and building violations, such as sleeping beds found on site. The new Corporal will also be coordinating efforts to distribute materials to workers. The Corporal will use HCPD officers who speak Korean and Mandarin Chinese and who are trained in appropriate trauma-informed interview techniques.

The new Corporal will be instrumental in enhancing new human trafficking task force initiatives that will utilize grant funding to help us take our efforts against trafficking to the next level.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

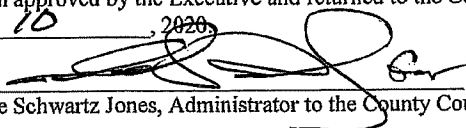
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<sup>1</sup> Polaris Project, *Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage*, published Jan. 1, 2018. Available at: <https://polarisproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Human-Trafficking-in-Illicit-Massage-Businesses.pdf>



BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on December 10, 2020.

  
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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council