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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **3**

Bill No. 15 -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 grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury to provide rent and utility assistance; 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 _____
Theo Wimberly, Acting 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 _____
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

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

By order _____
Theo Wimberly, Acting 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 _____
Theo Wimberly, Acting 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, the United States
6 Department of the Treasury has awarded grant funds in the amount of \$9,735,056 to provide rent
7 and utility assistance; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, grant funds can be used to pay up to nine months of past due rent or utilities
10 for residents that suffered a COVID-related loss of income, reduction in hours, or medical
11 illness; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, residents who already received three or six months of rental assistance, as
14 well as residents who are still unemployed, could be eligible for additional assistance from this
15 grant; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, following the passage of SAOs 2, 3, 4 and 5, all of Fiscal Year 2021, there
18 is not enough spending authority in the Grant Fund, Contingency Reserve to accept the grant
19 funding awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2021 budget needs to be amended to receive and
22 appropriate the additional unexpected emergency grant funding; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter, this Emergency
25 Bill is necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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29 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the following*
30 *emergency appropriation of grant funds is authorized and approved for the fiscal year beginning*
31 *July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, as shown below:*

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**Department of Housing and Community Development– US Department of the Treasury –
Emergency Rental Assistance**

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Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation before transfer	\$0
Plus grant funding	<u>\$9,735,056</u>
Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation after transfer	\$9,735,056

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that the grant total for the Department of Housing and Community Development, as reflected on page 112 of Council Bill No. 25-2020, is amended to be \$12,305,412.

Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted the Grant Fund total for Fiscal Year 2021, as reflected on page 116 of Council Bill No. 25-2020, is amended to be \$43,375,179 and, in the current expense budget attached to Council Bill No. 25-2020 or incorporated by reference, all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures shall be adjusted, as needed, to accommodate this Act.

Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that this Act is adopted as an emergency measure to address an immediate emergency affecting public health, safety, or welfare and having been passed by two-thirds of its members, this Act shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

