

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 28-2021

Introduced: May 3, 2021

Auditor: Edward Shulder

Fiscal Impact:

This bill increases the County's grant appropriation by \$1,778,010 to allow the County to receive grant funding from the Maryland Department of Commerce. This grant funding does not require the County to provide any matching funds.

Purpose:

The bill increases the appropriation for various relief initiatives detailed below:

- \$1,203,576 for restaurants as part of the Restaurant Relief Fund;
- \$547,080 for stabilization of the hospitality industry; and
- \$27,354 to assist businesses with online sales and telework opportunities.

Other Comments:

- The Administration advised that applications from local businesses will be accepted once this legislation passes.
- All grant funds must be disbursed by June 30, 2021.
- Priority will be given to businesses that have not received prior funding.